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Denver Mint

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RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

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Correspondence

LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

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March 1, 1926.
to
July 9, 1928

States Mint,

DENVER,

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March 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1926	$14,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926	5,000.00
Total .	19,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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March 2, 1926.

Superintendent Mint, Denver Colorado.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco California.

Prepare discontinue gold coinage soon as practicable. Coin full capacity silver dollars extent refined stock permits.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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March 5, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Authorized to purchase four thousand pounds borax glass Mine Smelter sixteen cents pound.

Grant
Director

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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March 9, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Employment Ledoux umpire approved

Grant
Director

K.G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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March 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is just in receipt of your bullion and special deposit accounts current for the month of February, 1926, with accompanying vouchers. The regular account current was recived some days ago. Since the day of receipt in this office of your regular account current determines the time all the accounts are due in the General Accounting Office, it is suggested that in future the regular account current be not forwarded until all the vouchers pertaining to the accounts are ready for forwarding, in order that our time for examination may not be cut short. This, of course, contemplates rendition of all vouchers within the twenty days allowed you, and the forwarding, as soon as practicable after the first of each month, of bullion abstract sheets and vouchers, and appropriation abstract sheets and vouchers.

It is suggested that future reports of coin deliveries and reservation of assay pieces, on form 125, be made on a single sheet when no more than four denominations are made during a single month. It is not necessary that separate sheets be used for gold and for silver, as has heretofore been your practice.

Respectfully,

D. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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F-S.

OR

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March 17, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Please be advised that the proceeds of palladium sold by the New York Assay Office for you, $5,199.15, have been deposited in the Treasury by C/D #161, dated March 4, 1926, to your personal credit. The amount in question should be taken into your regular March account current as a collection, also as a deposit, since it is revenue pertaining to your office. The amount in question will not appear in the account current of the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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March 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of February.

On page 1, Bullion Account Current, the gold deposits as per abstract sheet, 47,366.889 ozs., valued at $979,166.49 is wrongly placed on the line opposite "Coin melted from Cash or Recoinage account." Indication of proper location, opposite "Deposits Received", has been made in this office.

It is noted on payrolls for the month of February that the following changes were effective February 1, 1926.

Joseph J. Donahue, melter at $6.00 per day, reduced to melter at $5.80 per day.
X. T. Stoddard, Foreman of the Refinery Melting Room at $7.25 per day, reduced to melter at $7.00 per day.
William R. Welsh, melter at $5.80 per day promoted to Refinery Melting Room Foreman at $6.50 per day.

Attention is invited to your letter of February 1, 1926, wherein it is stated that the above changes were effective February 1, 1926, while still another letter under date of March 2, 1926, stated that apparently the same changes as noted above were effective March 1, 1926. Please advise which is correct.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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April 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir;

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1926.	$ 13,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926	4,000.00
Total . .	17,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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April 5, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Cooperate with Goddard regarding matter referred him today by Secret Service.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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April 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

There has been placed to the credit of your 1926 salaries and wages appropriation by Certificate No. 57562, dated April 5, 1926, the sum of $2,600.00, on account of reimbursement for extra expenses of refining silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act. This deposit is without personal credit to you and should not appear in your account current.

Respectfully,

W. M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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April 9, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

On March 23, 1926, the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans shipped by insured mail to you twenty pouches of gold and silver valued at $165,157.01. Up to the present time your memorandum of this shipment has not reached this office. Please forward same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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April 12, 1926.

Sir:

Please look over your personnel list and forward to the Bureau a list of those who will, during the six months beginning July 1 and ending December 31, 1926, reach retirement age, or the expiration of the period for which continued under the provisions of the Act of May 22, 1920.

This circular letter is being sent as a reminder. In every case where extension is to be recommended by you, such recommendation should be sent thirty days in advance of the date of proposed extension.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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April 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 10th, you are authorized to purchase an Underwood Typewriter, Model 3, 12 inch, for $75.00, in accordance with the terms indicated in the General Supply Catalogue.

It is understood that the Underwood Agency will make an allowance of $22.50 for an old Underwood Typewriter, Model 3, 12 inch, Serial 197629, to be turned in, making the net cost of the new machine $52.50.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Please look over your files of the Reports of the Director of the Mint, and if you have an extra copy of the 1915 Report which you can spare, please forward it to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 16th, you are authorized to purchase an electrically driven "Millionaire" calculating machine, 10 x 10 x 20, listed in the General Supply Catalogue under Item 18200 (E-bb) at $990., F. O. B., New York.

This order should be sent to W. A. Morschhauser, % E. H. Pitcher, 816 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Government bill of lading to cover this shipment should be sent to Mr. Pitcher. Mr. Pitcher is the local Agent designated to handle these orders. Please refer to page 9, List of Contractors, number 319 in the General Supply Catalogue.

Mr. Pitcher's attention was called to the price listed in the circular inclosed in your letter, but he advises that this circular was issued some time ago and is not now applicable.

In ordering the machine please advise Mr. Pitcher whether you want to use direct or alternating current, and if alternating, the phase and cycle.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1926.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Assayer at the New Orleans Mint will retire on July 1st, and we are looking for a man to take his place. The salary is $2,100.

I wish you would take the matter up with Mr. Malstrom, and see if he knows of anybody who could do the work and would care to go down there.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 19th in regard to Mr. Wentworth, please advise this Bureau if you have on file a copy of Mr. Wentworth's resignation, or any record that he ever actually signed a resignation. Although our records show that he resigned, there is nothing to indicate that a resignation was ever in fact received.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 17th, inclosing a letter from Mr. J. B. Morgan, Customs Agent in Charge, Special Agency Service, U. S. Customs, Treasury Department, El Paso, Texas, with reference to shipments to your Mint of gold and silver bullion and also Mexican gold coin by the Santa Fe Exchange & Commission Company of El Paso, you are authorized to surrender to Mr. Morgan the records of the shipments of such bullion and coin.

It is understood that Mr. Morgan is acting in the capacity of a representative of the Treasury Department, and that access to the records of your Mint will be granted him for official purposes only.

The inclosures in your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith a receipted voucher for $8.80, payable from your contingent expense appropriation, issued to the Holtzer-Cabot Electric Co., 125 Amory St., Roxbury, Boston, Mass., in payment of watchman's recording charts. This voucher has apparently been forwarded by mistake to this Bureau instead of your office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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April 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of April 24th, in reference to the freight bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in the sum of $9.10, which has been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement and payment from your 1926 contingent appropriation, please be advised the freight on the anode bags from Philadelphia to your institution is to be paid from your contingent appropriation as per my instructions.

The freight on the letter files from Norwood, Ohio, to Denver Colorado, is $4.62; the freight on the anode bags from Philadelphia to Denver Colorado is $4.48, making a total of $9.10.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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April 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of March 1926.

Under separate cover copies of Form 221, "Certificate of Ore Assays" have been forwarded. It is suggested that these be used to support schedule of special assay collections. The General Accounting Office has requested copies of the receipts issued to those for whom the work is done showing the service performed. It is noted that Form 221, Certificate of Ore Assays carries the information.

C/D No. 1607 was stated on abstract as $14,452.93 instead of $11,452.93; so also C/D No. 1672 was stated as $17,914.98 instead of $17,913.98. These corrections have been made in Bureau. They do not affect the totals of the respective pages.

In the column "Remarks" on payrolls certain conditions affecting the status of employees during pay periods should appear such as leave on account of sickness, etc. As for example: J. W. Milstrom and Farnum St. John are shown on absence reports as having been sick and absent with no such mention on payroll. M. H. White, according to absence reports was absent the entire month as indicated in last column thereon while the total of the figures given indicate 24 days sick and 6 days annual leave, leaving one day unaccounted for during March.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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April 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 26th, you are advised that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia" was compiled by Mr. Comparette, the Curator of the Mint, who died several years ago.

The collection is now lent to the National Museum in Washington.

No new edition of this Catalogue will ever be issued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith find copy of Decision A-13656, of the Comptroller General of the United states, dated April 29, 1926, regarding suspensions in accounts of the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, on account of the purchase of supplies.

Copy of the decision referred to in first paragraph which was in reference to the mint at San Francisco was forwarded to your institution by this office under date of April 23rd.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

May 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1926. . .	$13,500.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926 . .	3,000.00
Total . .	16,500.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P.

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May 3, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 27th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the American Smelting & Refining Co., Omaha Plant, to purchase 36,673 pounds of sweeps for the sum of $5,882.37, this being the most favorable proposal received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find your report of United States coin received for melting and recoining during the quarter ended March 31, 1926, for review, as regards gold, in connection with the following:

The Accounts Current for Jan.-Mar. show:

Receipt - January			$26,125.62
March			58,395.00
Total			84,520.62
Disposition - Charged back to bank - Jan.			3.95
Returned to cash (current) Jan.			4,665.00
For recoinage -			
Jan.	$21,434.98		
Mar.	58,026.41		79,461.39
Recoinage loss -			
Jan.	21.69		
Mar.	368.59		390.28
Total			84,520.62

The above would seem to indicate that, for form 474-A, column light weight gold, the transfer value (net) should be $55,883.12 plus $320.00 minus $3.95, or $56,199.17, which would provide consistency as between transfer value, recoinage value, and loss. Also, that the amount transferred to current coin was $4,665.00 instead of $4,985.00. If this is incorrect, kindly make such explanation as will clarify the apparent discrepancy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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May 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find a copy of the Treasury Department Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1st next.

Attention is invited to certain items which have been checked or underscored and which have particular reference to Mint Service business.

Please note, with regard to the contingent appropriation of the large institutions, that for the fiscal year 1927 the word "net" is used in connection with the provision for wastage in the melting and refining and in the coining departments. This means that if one department shows a gain and the other department a loss, the results can be offset against each other and only the net loss (if the net result is a loss) need be paid from the appropriation; while if the net result is a gain, only the net gain need be covered into the Treasury as revenue. Both gold and silver, as well as both of the departments, are to be considered in arriving at the net results. Annual settlements will be made on the same basis as heretofore; that is, by reporting the results of each department and for each metal, separately; but in preparing vouchers to support the payment from the appropriation of net loss, or depositing of net gain as revenue, the details should be given for verification of the net result.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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May 10, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with your recommendation of May 4, 1926, you are authorized to purchase 25,000 minor coin sacks from the lowest bidder (at 3¢ each), payment to be made from the profits on minor coin, through the Special Deposit Account. The bids which accompanied your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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May 10, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard;

I have your letter of May 7th and am glad to note that you expect to go to Boston and be there when David graduates. He has made a good record and I know you are very proud of him.

You will miss Mr. Wagor in New York as he leaves on the 10th of June for San Francisco for the settlement. Mr. Matson will be there, however, and will be able to give you any information you desire.

I shall try to meet you either in New York or Philadelphia.

In regard to sending Mr. Milsom to Philadelphia for the settlement, unless you have already spoken to him, I would prefer that you send someone else. Settlement is a business proposition, and requires a man who is not only accurate but active, and I have my doubts as to whether Mr. Milsom could handle the chairman end of it. I think, however, that Mr. Belknap, who has been on one settlement, should be able to act as chairman, and unless you have made arrangements with Mr. Milsom, I would like to have you make the change.

Mr. Minnichs and Mr. Wells are both familiar with the work and they know whether Mr. Milsom is capable of handling the settlement, and I would like to have them use their judgment without any sentiment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 12th, you are authorized to purchase from the Metals Sales Corporation 200,000 pounds of electrolytic copper at .14025 per pound, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

O.R.

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May 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letters of May 14th, it will be altogether satisfactory to have Mr. Malstrom on the settlement committee as Chairman in Philadelphia and have Mr. Belknap as Assistant. Mr. Malstrom can probably fill in the time from the 6th to the 15th, and we shall arrange some way to make up his expenses.

My regular trip would bring me in Philadelphia June 15th and 16th, and New York June 17th and 18th, and I shall arrange to meet you at either place.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 14th in regard to the laying off of employees now paid from the Pittman Silver Act, these men should be laid off on the 15th of June in order to give them their fifteen days leave of absence and carry them to July 1st. There is very little coining to be done and as you have nothing to refine except silver, there is no good reason why we should ask for any more silver fund. You will arrange your work so that you can do a maximum amount of refining silver and subsidiary or minor coinage. The men you lay off will be furloughed, so that they can be called back at any time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to the assignment of Mr. Moessner, Mr. Malmstrom and Mr. Belknap of your Mint on various settlements, please advise the Bureau as promptly as possible which each of these men desires, the $5.00 or $4.00 per day allowance.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 21, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill amounting to 41¢, insurance on shipment of minor coin valued at $8,400.00, during the month of April 1926.

Checks should be drawn in favor of the payees, and in the amounts indicated on reverse of voucher, and should be forwarded to Marsh & McLennan.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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May 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 21st, and for the reasons stated, you are authorized to purchase from The Midvale Company two sets of 9" x 10 1/2" Hardened Steel Rolls at a total cost of $1,440.00, this being the lower of the bids received.

The inclosures sent with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir.

I am inclosing transportation orders and Pullman orders for Mr. Fred D. Belknap, who is to take part in the settlement at Philadelphia, and for Mr. Ernest F. Moessner, who is to take part in the settlement at New York.

Please call the attention of these two gentlemen to the fact that they are expected to get round-trip transportation.

The Pullman requests cover only one way and return Pullman requests will be issued later for the reason that new forms will be used after July 1st.

Formal letters of authority to travel will be sent in due time to these men. The transportation orders are being sent in advance in order that they make reservations in time.

Respectfully.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir,

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of April 1926.

The Bureau is returning herewith form 221 "Certificate of Ore Assay" evidently prepared after the end of the month for the purpose of supporting bullion assay collection schedule, form 598. It is noted that there has been indicated thereon data pertaining to $4.00 uncollected charge on rejected bullion deposit No. 2445. The General Accounting Office does not desire data of this kind prepared after the close of the accounting period, but does want carbon copies of the collection forms made during the course of business, at the time the transactions occur, for supporting the Schedule of Assay Collections, form 598. Samples of bullion special assay form 518 are enclosed. Data concerning rejected bullion deposits are sufficiently indicated on the bullion abstracts.

One copy of the Schedule of Collections, form 1026, is enclosed for correction as per pencil notations. The "amount" column on right-hand side of the form should be used exclusively for collections pertaining to the month for which the account is rendered. When the amounts deposited in the Treasury differ from the amounts collected, the amounts deposited should be indicated in column on the left-hand margin.

In regard to the Regular Account Current, please be advised that nothing should be added to the appropriation title "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1926". This is the official title of the appropriation and should not be amended by adding the words - Denver Mint - or otherwise. Under the heading

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"Enclosures" on reverse of the Regular Account Current, there has been added the item "1 Schedule of Special Assay Charges", with subvouchers. The subvouchers are those mentioned above (form 518). It is noted that you are still carrying a balance under the 1925 contingent appropriation. Unless you expect to liquidate at an early date any remaining encumbrances under that appropriation kindly make repayment into the Treasury of the amount to your credit and if bills chargeable thereto are subsequently rendered please forward same to this office.

Reference is made to the bullion abstract sheet with the suggestion that it will be satisfactory to the Bureau if mutilated coin deposits are not listed in their numerical order, but are separately recorded following the total of the regular deposits. If you desire indication of the grand total of all deposits, including the mutilated coins, such grand total could follow the deposits of mutilated coins.

Voucher 280, payable to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa., for muslin and duck anode bags, is returned for detaching the proposals and purchase order and removing (not interlining) the procurement reference symbols and date, on face and back. Since this order was given to the Philadelphia Mint, notwithstanding their higher price on the muslin bags, the purchase was not on a competitive basis but was similar to other transactions between our own institutions.

In regard to purchases through the General Schedule of Supplies catalogue please be advised that the method of advertising should be denoted as "1" and the form of agreement as "A" on vouchers in payment of such supplies. Voucher 290 has been corrected accordingly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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May 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Your wire of May 19th and letter of May 20th in regard to a fire in the attic where charcoal was stored, have been received.

Also, your letter of May 22nd, stating that five men had been smoking in this room prior to the fire and that you had penalized these men, is approved.

Charcoal is not subject to spontaneous combustion, and, therefore, the fire could not have originated that way, and unless there was some rubbish or oiled rags with the charcoal, the fire could not start. It was probably caused by the careless throwing of a lighted match or cigarette into the charcoal.

I am glad to note there has been no serious loss or damage. As I understand it, the loss was entirely on burned charcoal.

The rule prohibiting smoking in the Mint during working hours should be strictly enforced.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

It seems to me very strange that if there was no one in the room where the charcoal fire occurred from the time the shift went off at 4 o'clock until the fire was discovered at 9:45 o'clock that the watchman did not find this smoke earlier.

As I remember it, the watchman is supposed to make the rounds of the building every hour, and it looks to me as if this watchman must have been asleep or not attending to his duties. I found that the trouble with watchmen in the Denver Mint was that they did not have enough to do, and were liable to do nothing. Please look into the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher in favor of the Colorado & Southern Railway Co., in amount of $114.58, supported by accomplished bill of lading and waiver of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Co., covering transportation of concentrate from the Denver Mint to Leadville, Colorado.

With return of all enclosures, please make explanation of the shrinkage in weight of 325 lbs. between quantity shipped and quantity delivered, stating whether the amount of shrinkage is normal and satisfactory.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

June 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1926	$ 10,627.25
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926	3,000.00
	13,627.25

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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June 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of June 1st, asking for authority to purchase fire hose. Fire Hose is in Class 2 of the General Supply Schedule and the Field Service, including Mint institutions, is required to purchase supplies under the schedule in that class unless it can be shown you can procure the hose you require for a less amount than that indicated in the list. Please see Item 2164, Class 2, General Supply Schedule.

I am returning the proposals inclosed in your letter of June 1st.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 2nd, you are authorized to purchase from A. L. Reach Textile Company, Inc., one bale, approximately 300 pounds, of cheese-cloth remnants at 48¢ per pound, this being the lowest of three bids received.

I am returning the proposals inclosed in your letter of June 2nd.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

June 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

As a result of your reply to Bureau letter dated February 13, 1926, enclosing circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated February 12, 1926, concerning economy in the expenditure of appropriations during the current fiscal year, reserve has been set up against your appropriation as follows:

Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926 - - $3,000.

The setting up of this reserve has the effect of correspondingly reducing your 4th quarter apportionment. No obligation should be created against the amount reserved unless imperatively necessary, and not under any circumstances until previous authority therefor has been obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury, through this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

June 8, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado,

Sir:

There has been placed to the credit of your 1926 Salaries and Wages appropriation by Certificate No. 60982, dated June 5, 1926, the sum of $2,100.00, on account of reimbursement for extra expenses of refining silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act. This deposit is without personal credit to you and should not appear in your account current.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

R.

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June 10, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Have Moessner purchase thirty day ticket. Adjustment made later if found necessary.

Grant
Director.
OK RBG

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1926.

June 10, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 7th, please have arrangements made to take out as many silver dollars from the lower vault as you think necessary. This work will be done immediately after settlement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

June 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint
at Denver, 1926 . . $ 2,100.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

P.

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

June 17, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Heretofore it has been the practice of the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants of the office of the Secretary of the Treasury to forward to the Mint Bureau all Certificates of Deposit evidencing the placing of Mint Service moneys in the Treasury (except those evidencing deposits to the checking credit of disbursing officers), for the purpose of being indorsed as to the proper appropriation or receipt accounts to which the amounts are to be credited, and as to the date of the liability bond to which the transactions properly pertain. This has been a common practice as regards practically all divisions of the Government Service. It is the desire of the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants that this practice be discontinued, in order to save delay and loss of certificates of deposit between the time they leave the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants and their return thereto, to get appropriation repayments more quickly on the books and thus available for subsequent advance, and to otherwise expedite the work of that office. In order to accomplish this, it will be necessary for each officer handling Government funds to supply date of bond and sufficient additional information on each certificate of deposit for the proper classification of the items to be recorded in the books.

It will probably be of assistance to state, in this connection, that the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants of the Treasury Department keeps the general accounts for the entire Government Service - for each Department and Division thereof. There are hundreds of collection accounts and many hundreds of appropriation and disbursement accounts. It is therefore advisable, in order to save detail, that receipt items be classified in such manner that some of the accounts kept by the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants are combinations of two or more sub-items. In order that you may have the necessary information for preparation of certificates of deposit the names of the miscellaneous receipt account-headings pertaining to Mint business are given on an enclosure herewith. These account-headings are underscored, and underneath each account is given the sub-items (if any) pertaining to that account. In preparing certi-

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ficates of deposit, you should use the underscored receipt-heads, (other titles or descriptions may cause confusion) and if the sub-items are shown on the certificate of deposit, such indication should be in a manner to show that they are sub-heads. These miscellaneous receipt-heads with sub-items thereof, will be available to the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants for their guidance.

The General Accounting Office keeps accounts with all of the hundreds of Government disbursing officers, primarily by bonds. Any money advanced to or received by a Government disbursing officer under a particular bond, must be accounted for to the Treasury and the General Accounting Office, under that bond. For example, if money has been received prior to the date a new bond becomes effective, and for some reason it is subject to your control after the new bond becomes effective, the certificate of deposit therefor and all the accounts must show that the money was deposited in the Treasury under the old bond, and must not be stated in the accounts under the new bond. Assets of the "bullion accounts" are transferred between bonds, not deposited in the Treasury.

Moneys collected in payment for work done for foreign governments, for other branches of the United States Government, by one mint insitution for another, or for private parties when authorized, are creditable to the appropriations which were charged with the expense of doing the work, to the extent of the cost to the Government for such services. Such work is done by the Mint Service on a non-profit basis; should charges be in excess of the cost to the Government, such excess would not be creditable to appropriations, but to miscellaneous receipts. When amounts are properly creditable to appropriations, information on the certificate of deposit should include the source from which the money was received, the full name of the appropriation, with year, to be credited, and the amount to be credited to each appropriation if more than one is involved. Such information should also appear on the certificate of deposit when unexpended balances of appropriations are to be repaid into the Treasury when no longer needed, as well as at the time an old bond is superseded by a new one. Whenever amounts are credited to appropriations the certificates of deposit should also carry the notation "Unexpended balance - credit appropriation from which advanced".

The changed procedure in the Treasury Department at Washington will become effective for deposits made on and after July first next. It is requested that your preparation of certificates of deposit on the new basis be commenced at once, in order that it may be working smoothly at as early a date as practicable. With this end in view, it is directed that whenever deposits in the Treasury are made, other than to your checking credit, advice be simultaneously forwarded to this office on form 550-A, "Notification of Certificates of Deposits forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury", giving de-

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tailed information of the amounts, with sources, making up each certificate of deposit. This information is necessary for our records and for assisting in straightening out such difficulties as may arise; it should not be overlooked. If the available space on the form is inadequate an additional sheet may be attached.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

F-S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 15th, you are authorized to purchase 800 feet of 1½ inch linen fire hose, with couplings attached, at the rate of $12.80 for each 50 foot length, from the United States Rubber Company, 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y., as listed under Class 2, Item 2164 (B) 2-A1, in the General Supply Catalogue.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Authorized expend one hundred twelve dollars for five hundred crucibles.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1926.

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June 21, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have your reference of June 17th on a copy of a letter of the Houston Electric Company referred to you by this Bureau on June 14th relative to a deposit of mutilated coins said to be of the face value of $195.01.

I notice your recommendation that the coins be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Branch Bank at Houston, Texas for redemption. The Houston Electric Company in its letter of June 11th, addressed to the Department, asked to be advised if they could have the coins sent to Washington and have the defaced ones redeemed at their face value, or if necessary, to have them returned to the Houston Electric Company and assorted before sending them in.

I would recommend that we adopt the suggestion of the Houston Electric Company and return the coins to that Company with the advice that after reviewing them, the coins be offerred by them to the Federal Reserve Bank at Houston. The Houston Electric Company should be advised by you that the coins would be sent to them at their expense and risk.

If you deem it appropriate, you could await instruction from the Houston Electric Company on this proposition.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher in favor of the Union Pacific Company, in the amount of $108.00, supported by accomplished bill of lading, covering transportation of concentrates from the Denver Mint to Omaha, Nebraska.

With return of enclosures, please make explanation of the shrinkage in weight of 93 lbs., between quantity shipped and quantity delivered. Attention is invited to the statement that 432 sacks were shipped from Denver while according to notation on reverse of bill of lading form, only 431 sacks were received by the American Smelting and Refining company.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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June 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Before Mr. Chaffin leaves the Mint at Denver, please arrange to break the joint seal on the lower silver dollar storage vault and remove $2,000,000., more or less, of circulated silver dollars and place them in the regular silver dollar vault where they will be accessible for shipment in case the Treasurer calls for them during the year.

When these dollars have been removed please have the joint seal restored on the lower vault.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Referring your telegram June twenty-third authorized purchase land.

Grant
Director.

RJG.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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June 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of June 21st in regard to the circulated silver dollars in the lower vault, I understood there were some uncurrent standard silver dollars in front of the current dollars, and you will have to take enough of these out to be able to handle the dollars you want. I suggest that you take out as few of these uncurrent dollars as possible so that you can get at the others, and transfer the uncurrent dollars to the cage in the silver vault and have them sealed.

It will not be convenient to have either Mr. Buford or Mr. Quirk stay in Denver after the settlement, because they are both needed in their respective offices. Besides, our appropriation for next year will not allow for any unnecessary expenditure of funds.

I hereby designate Mr. Leach to represent me in this work, working with Mr. Chaffin. Please give them all the men and assistance you can so that the work may be done expeditiously, because I am anxious to get Mr. Chaffin back in Philadelphia by the 15th of July.

I would like to have all of the 2,693,000 circulated dollars taken out if possible. These dollars can be placed in different cells and sealed as far as possible, so that what remains next year will not have to be checked up.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

As soon as practicable after the first of July will you kindly forward the usual data covering your operations during the fiscal year which will end June 30, 1926, for use in preparation of the Director's Annual Report to the Secretary of the Treasury? Reference is made to the first eighteen pages of the 1925 Annual Report for needed data; where such data regularly reach the Bureau in routine reports, repetition will not be necessary. The coining department report should separately state silver dollar and subsidiary silver operations.

If material quantities of any "memorial" coins have been melted during the year, please state the amount of each, and follow this practice in the future. This is not intended as a requirement for strict segregation of "memorial" coins from other coins of the same denominations, but is to cover special lots of such coins; for example, those which are returned because the organization responsible therefor has not disposed of them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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June 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh and McLennan, in amount $0.73, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of May 1926. The rate of 4 7/8¢ per $1,000 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

June 26, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Bureau today advised contract United States Rubber Company fire hose expired last December. Authorized purchased hose Julius Pearse Company at twenty-two cents according your letter of June first.

Grant
Director

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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June 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The inclosed purchase order was surrendered to the Bureau by the representative of the United States Rubber Company. It is being returned to you for cancellation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Referring your telegram June twenty-sixth authorized purchase fire extinguishers.

Grant
Director.

R.J.G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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June 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am inclosing a letter of authority for Mr. Chaffin to remain at the Mint after the completion of the settlement to adjust the storage of silver dollars in accordance with the arrangements already entered into with you.

The expenses incident to the service of Mr. Chaffin for the period of time spent in this work at the Mint will be a proper charge against your contingent appropriation, 1927. Mr. Chaffin's expenses will be at the rate of $6.00 per diem. Mr. Chaffin's transportation and Pullman fares together with his subsistence expenses while en route from Denver to Philadelphia will remain, as now arranged, a charge against this Bureau at $4.00 per diem.

I am inclosing a copy of this letter which you will please hand to Mr. Chaffin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.
Sir:

In accordance with directions of the Treasury Budget Officer, based on the apportionment Act of February 27, 1906, this office has apportioned the appropriations of your institution for the fiscal year 1927, by quarters, as follows:

	Salaries and Wages	Contingent
Amout appropriated	$156,710.00	$50,000
Less Deduction for retirement	3,750.25	
Amount available	152,959.75	50,000
1st Quarter Apportionment	38,600.00	14,000
2nd " "	38,359.75	11,500
3rd " "	38,000.00	11,000
4th " "	38,000.00	13,000
Reserve		500

It is directed that no obligation be incurred against any appropriation during any quarter which would encroach upon apportionments of subsequent quarters. Should conditions develop which would warrant an amendment to the apportionment, please make recommendation to this office with full explanation of the reasons therefor, in order that the Bureau may be in position to take the matter up with the Budget Officer. Recommendation for an apportionment change does not carry with it authority to create obligations on the basis of the recommendation. Established apportionments should be adhered to until authority is received for changes.

Requirements for reporting obligations against appropriations and liquidation thereof, have been materially modified for the 1927 appropriations. Report for June will be made on the present basis. For July and thereafter the only special report of encumbrances will be made on form 998, Schedule of Encumbrances, which is revived for the purpose of reporting the obligations incurred against each of your two appropriations. From form 998 and the regular schedule of disbursements the Bureau will be able to compile the data required by the Budget Officer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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June 28, 1926.

Superinterdent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The recommendation contained in your letter of June 25th relative to the disposal of old rolls and scrap iron is hereby approved. It is understood that the bid of the Colorado Iron and Metal Company, in the amount of $11.50 per ton, is the highest of three bids obtained, and that the weight of this scrap material will approximate two tons.

The proposals you inclosed are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir;

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company, amount $9.90, covering freight charges on three boxes of stationery, Washington, D. C. to Denver, Colo., April 30, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

June 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of May 1926.

Second sheet of one copy of the bullion account current is enclosed for amendment as per pencil notations, as regards the Depositary account, right-hand side. The check issued for April charges on deposits was in exchange for cash which belonged to the regular account, $1,733.81 (see closing balance, April regular account current) while the check for May charges on deposits was a payment for the bullion representing May charges, $1,815.22. The final sheet of the bullion account current has been amended in this office by interlining the typed explanation of last item on left-hand side of the Cash account and indicating that the figures, $1,733.81 pertain to the last printed line, namely, receipt of cash in exchange for bullion fund check - for charges on bullion deposits - April.

Please forward, to support the sweeps-sale vouchers, the bids or terms of purchase offered by the several smelters, with copies of your acceptance of the ones most favorable to the Government.

The final gold deposits abstract sheet has been changed in regard to the totals of the parting and refining and alloy columns. The former adds 10¢ less and the latter 10¢ more than the typed figures indicate, giving new totals respectively of $1,574.94 and $29.04 instead of $1,575.04 and $28.94.

Vo. 124 - payable to The Postmaster, Denver, Colo., is returned for amendment. There is nothing thereon to indicate in what capacity Frank L. Dodge signs for the payee.

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Denver -2-.

The accepted proposal accompanying Vo. 304 in favor of Sachs-Lawler Co. for the rubber stamp is 40¢, without any notation as to discount. Voucher and purchase order show price as 50¢ with discount of 20%, apparently having been made on the basis of unaccepted bid of Geo. P. Kauffman. While the inconsistency is very evident, it is thought probable the General Accounting Office will pass the voucher because there is no difference in net cost.

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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June 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find approved duplicate and triplicate acceptances of informal contracts for supplying your institution with telephone service, gas, and electric current for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926. The original acceptances have been attached to the original proposals forwarded with your letter of June 25th, and will later be sent to the General Accounting Office.

It is understood that no gas is used for lighting, and if such is the case the acceptance should have specified the heating rate "T" for industrial use. However, the lighting rate calls for payment only on metered gas, and if none is metered acceptance of that rate will mean only superfluity.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

F-S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In agreement with recommendations contained in your letter of June 23rd, you are authorized to enter into informal contracts with the firms named to furnish your Mint with the following supplies and services at the rates indicated during the fiscal year 1927:

Denver Fire Clay Company

Nitric C. P.	Nitric Parting	Sulphuric	Muriatic	Ammonia
$14. cwt.	$10. cwt.	$2.25 cwt.	$2.25 cwt.	$9. cwt.

Henry Bitter

Ash Hauling, per load of 3 cubic yards, $1.50.

Schlitter Iron Foundry

Iron Castings, 5 1/2 ¢ per pound.

Denver Towel & Supply Company

Laundry, 1 1/2 ¢ per towel.

Duffy Storage & Moving Company

Up to 500 lbs	Over 500 lbs, per cwt	Sweeps in bags, c.l. cwt	Copper c.l.cwt
50¢	5¢	5¢	5¢

In the proposal for ash removal the aggregate price of the proposal of H. Bitter should be eliminated by Mr. Bitter, as it was evidently not his intention to make the aggregate price $1.50, but the unit price per load $1.50. In the proposal of the Duffy Storage & Moving Company for hauling, the certificate of authority of the person signing should have the signature of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1927 . .	$ 13,200.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1927	4,000.00
	17,200.00

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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July 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from the minor coinage profits bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/5/5855, May 8, 1926, Phila to Omaha, Neb. $2,000. cents - $55.90

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

July 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $22.16, covering freight charges on thirty one-cent dies, May 10, Philadelphia to Denver, $2.53; Millionaire Calculating Machine Tublar Steel Stand, May 5, New York to Denver, $18.76; dollar dies, April 28, 1926, Philadelphia to Denver, $1.07, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

July 3, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, amount $108.00, covering freight charges on mint concentrates, Denver to Omaha, May 10, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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July 8, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a report from the Bureau of Standards on the five samples of gold furnished by the three Mints and the New York Assay Office.

I wish you would read this report very carefully, and if you have any criticism to make, I should be glad to hear from you. The gold furnished by you will be returned shortly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1926.

F. H. Chaffin
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Agreeable you return Philadelphia not later than the eighteenth.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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July 12, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Reply not received to Bureau letter June twenty-ninth concerning May accounts.

Please expedite.

Grant
Director.

R. J. G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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July 12, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 28, 1926, concerning the reporting of appropriation encumbrances, etc., during the fiscal year 1927. Since the "add" and "deduct" items no longer appear on the schedules of vouchers paid, it will be necessary that we receive more information than was covered by our request for revival of Schedule of Encumbrances, form 998.

Directions in letter of June 28th are therefore modified to provide that the letter reports of encumbrances set up, liquidated, etc., be continued as during the latter part of the fiscal year just closed except that the data will not be separately kept or reported for each quarter. In other words, each month's transactions will be considered as applying to the fiscal year as a whole, instead of being split up into quarters. This will be a very material lessening of the requirements of the fiscal year just closed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.S.

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July 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from minor coinage profits bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/6/6529 6/1/26 Denver to Houston $10,000.00 in nickels $125.03

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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July 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, amount $1,86, covering freight charges on empty ore sacks, Omaha to Denver, June 4, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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July 17, 1926.

Miss Mary E. Moran,
1355 Court Place,
Denver, Colo.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 13th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, you are advised that a very strict regulation of the Department prohibits the admission of visitors to any of the Mints or Assay Offices of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Referring Bureau circular letter July second relative discounts no reply received. Please wire answer promptly.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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July 21, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of July 14, reporting the separation by transfer of Peter H. Karpen to the Post Office Department.

Will you please send the formal resignation of Mr. Karpen, that it may be officially accepted by the Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Co., amount $3.16, covering freight charges on one carton envelopes, Richmond, Va., to Denver Colo., May 19th, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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July 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh and Mc Lennan, in amount of $0.29, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of June 1926. The rate of 4 7/8¢ per $1,000.00 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.
F.

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July 26, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Treasurer asks that you start on nickels and quarters upon resumption operations.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau1927.

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July 26, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of July 22, you are authorized to purchase, under the terms of the General Supply Schedule, 10,000 No. 2 Porter Safety Seals; payment to be made from the Special Deposit Account as the seals are to be used in sealing sacks containing minor coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 29, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 26, relative to the age of Mr. George H. Smith, - the record of his original appointment in March, 1894, carries the year 1857 as that of his birth. The report of this Bureau, taken from the list submitted by you on December 5, 1925, shows his birthday to be February 26, 1859.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 31, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of June 1926.

Receipt for bullion in favor of W. C. Sellner, pertaining to deposit No. 2248, is enclosed for correction and return. The name in the endorsement thereon, other vouchers, and receipt for cash paid, all read Sellmer.

Additional information is required to support voucher No. 358 in favor of the American Wiping Cloth Company for wiping cloths, $42.00. The proposal submitted to the dealer awarded the order calls for "100# (Approx.) wiping cloths", with specifications which conform to those in the catalogue of the General Supply Committee. The other two proposals call for 100 lbs. The order calls for 200 lbs., with specific reference to the General Schedule item number and specification, while the voucher calls for 300 lbs. Purchase was not made from the General Schedule contractor, whose 3rd quarter price was 12¢ per lb. with 1% discount for 10 day payment, on the specified item, and 4th quarter quotation price 11.9¢, no discount; but higher quotation of 14¢ per lb. was accepted. Apparently the order should have been placed with the General Supply Committee contractor, for shipment on government bill of lading, unless the accepted bid netted a saving to the government, of which evidence should accompany the voucher. Explanation of the great excess of quantity paid for over quantity required, per invitations to bid, and per order, should also accompany the voucher. Please forward the required explanations on a separate sheet for attaching to the voucher.

Voucher No. 357. The two proposal forms accompanying this voucher invited dealers to bid on "6 No. 4 Silcar Assay Muffles, or equal". The bid on the specified article was not accepted, but half the quantity of "No A-4 Carbofrax muffles" were ordered, at the same price bid for the specified article, from another dealer who did not bid on the specified article. On the accepted proposal the original specifications have been interlined, with insertion of the accepted article as a substitute. No claim is asserted or supported of equality of the substitute article with the one specified. Explanation should be forwarded for attaching to the voucher.

The total of the column "Gross amount Earned" on last page of the payroll for the period June 16-30, has been changed to read 4185.40 instead of 8185.35.

Reference is made to page 10 of the Mint Regulations, last paragraph under the heading "Deposits of United States Coin". It is noted that your accounts never show any gains resulting from the monthly mass-melting of mutilated and uncurrent coin received as bullion. By reference to the bullion account current it will be seen that a line "Recoveries incident to receipt of light weight and mutilated coin as bullion" is provided for such gains, while the line "Light weight, uncurrent and mutilated coin received as bullion" is provided for carrying such bullion for which payment was made to the depositor thereof. The accounts of the other institutions show gains on this coin; in receiving and paying for coin before it is melted, it seems necessary to "play safe" to a slight degree in order to avoid losses incident to grease, dirt, etc., adhering to the coins. On future assay reports covering these mass-melts please use scale mass-weight of the coins instead of the combined book-weight of the individual coins or lots of coins, and show as a memorandum item the total amount actually paid out for the coins.

With regard to Vos. 335, 337 and 355, it is suggested that the explanation of exigency should always appear in the upper division on reverse of voucher form, under Method of Advertising. The blank lines may be used, and if method "4" is not involved that printed line should be interlined. The form of agreement, opposite "C" on reverse of voucher form, should, in case of this kind, be stated as Informal. This is for future guidance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1927	$13,200.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1927	3,000.
Total	16,200.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F.

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August 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The new method of transferring to the "Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund", retirement deductions from the compensation of employees, of which you were recently advised, requires reapportionment of the Salaries and Wages appropriations. In addition, the Department has directed compliance with a requirement of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that -

> "A sum not less than two per cent of the total amount expended for the salaries of the entire Executive Civil Service of the Government, except temporary employees of the field service, from appropriations available for salaries during the fiscal year 1927, will be reserved to be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury.
>
> "The necessary reduction in personnel to accomplish this saving will be made by omitting such new appointments to fill current vacancies as will result in an actual saving equal to two per cent of the amount expended for salaries in each department and establishment from appropriations available for such expenditure during the fiscal year 1927. No employee will be discharged, demoted, or reduced in salary for the sole purpose of effecting this saving."

It is highly probable that no vacancies will occur at some of the smaller institutions of the Mint Service, therefore some of the larger institutions will be called upon to carry savings of more than 2%. If vacancies do occur at the small offices this Bureau will consider the necessity of immediately filling such vacancies, on the basis of a showing by the Assayer in Charge of the actual need and our own knowledge

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of the local situation. To the extent of their ability the small offices will be expected to care for their own share of the 2% savings. At the large offices vacancies which cannot remain unfilled should be filled, so far as practicable, from employees already in the service, leaving the actual vacancies at the most convenient points. If it is considered necessary to fill vacancies by new appointees the necessity therefor should be fully set forth in recommendations to the Bureau.

On the above basis your Salaries and Wages appropriation has been reapportioned and reserved as below. It will be noted that the earlier quarters of the fiscal year have been assigned more than one fourth of the available total; this is to cover possible needs rather than expected actual requirements. Amounts unused in one quarter will be available for following quarters. No encumbrances should be created in one quarter which will encroach upon subsequent quarter's allotments. If developments warrant a change in the apportionment full explanation of such developments should be given the Bureau, and no liabilities may be created on the basis of the proposed change until authority therefor has been received by you from the Bureau.

Salaries and Wages,

Mint at Denver, 1927.

Apportionments	
Quarters	Amounts
1st	$39,300.
2nd	39,200.
3rd	38,910.
4th	37,800.
Reserve	1,500.
Total	156,710.

Promptly after the close of each quarter you will report to the Bureau the amount of actual savings made during the quarter as the result of not filling vacancies, of lapses, etc.; these reports will form

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the basis of the reports which the Bureau must submit to the Treasury Budget Officer. Each quarterly report should show:

1 - The total amount lapsed (or saved) during such quarter by reason of vacancies remaining unfilled from prior quarters.

2 - Detailed amounts saved by reason of vacancies occuring during the quarter for which the report is made, giving name of position, name of former incumbent, rate of pay, period during which vacancy continued, and amount saved during the quarter, for each position involved, with total for the quarter.

3 - New positions filled and old positions refilled (if any), each specifically designated, giving name of position, name of appointee, rate of pay, and date employment began.

Please take steps to insure that the reports are not overlooked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

P.S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Carson has asked for authority to purchase four gold assay weights. The Bureau is writing to ask if you will please supply the weights to the Carson Mint. The price to be paid by the Carson Mint to Braun, Knecht Heimann Co. was at the rate of $1.00 each. If you cannot conveniently supply the Carson Mint from your stock, without charge, will you please advise the Bureau. Should you need further details before preparing them, please communicate directly with the Carson Mint Assayer in Charge.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your annual report of operations during the fiscal year 1926, will you please advise the Bureau as to commercial and certificate bars manufactured for use in a table similar to that appearing at top of page fifteen in the 1925 report of the Director? Also please advise as to the weight of minor coinage metal purchased - see page ten of last year's report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.

August 10, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Treasurer reports demand for quarters and nickels heavy. Advise by wire amount on hand and maximum daily output.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Have obtained from Secretary's Office waiver regulation requiring forwarding assay coins in this instance. Please fill Treasurers orders for possible today.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

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August 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

A check-up of your Salaries Appropriation transactions for the fiscal year 1926 shows that the total disbursements made by you, plus the deductions on account of retirement, equal $25.75 more than the amount appropriated by Congress, plus reimbursements, for extra services, from the Silver Dollar Fund; in other words, there is now due to the Retirement Fund from your Salaries Appropriation $25.75 more than the amount available in the appropriation.

In view of the above, will you please prepare and forward a voucher against the silver dollar fund, similar to those heretofore forwarded, with the additional statement that the voucher is supplemental to June voucher for $2,100.00, on account of error in computation?

Please verify the figures given above and if they are incorrect, make your supplemental voucher in amount sufficient to cover the requirements.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of August 9th.

Your courtesy in supply these weights to the Carson Mint is appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Thank you for sending the reports of the changes in personnel for June and July. The report mailed by you August 4th covering the July changes reached the Bureau promptly. The report covering June may have inadvertently gotten into the Director's personal file.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $1.07, covering freight charges on 5-cent nickel dies, Philadelphia to Denver, June 29th, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/7/7425, June 10,1926, Denver to Omaha, Neb.	$2000. nickels 1000. cents	$ 42.12
J/7/7427, June 23, 1926, Denver to Houston, Tex.	10000. nickels	125.05
J/7/7429, June 26, 1926, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5000. cents	160.28

Respectfully,

M. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 9, 1926, concerning apportionment of your Salaries and Wages appropriation for the current fiscal year.

By reference to the Bureau's letter of August 3rd, it will be noted that the reservation of $1,500 was promised on instructions of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that such savings should come from the non-filling of vacancies occurring during the current fiscal year. The reserve thus will not constitute a reduction of the amount available for necessary overtime, stated by you as $2,353.85. If vacancies do not occur, the amount reserved will be subject to release in order to meet your requirements. If vacancies do occur, the question of filling them will be considered, from time to time, upon your recommendation and showing as to the necessity therefor.

In view of the reduction in your force in June, by dropping of your temporary help, it is much regretted that a reserve had to be set up against your appropriation. It will be noted that less than 1 per cent was set up instead of 2 per cent as called for by the Director of the Budget Bureau; thus some other of our Mint Service institutions will be called upon to save more than half of the amount which otherwise would come from your appropriation.

In making the quarterly reports of savings, employees dropped in June should not be considered since the savings pertain to the appropriation of the current fiscal year only.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

As soon as practicable after the end of this month will you please forward a detailed schedule of outstanding unliquidated encumbrances against your 1926 Contingent Appropriation? The total thereof should check with the balance as determined by considering encumbrances set up, adjustments thereon, and liquidations, as reported to the Bureau month by month during the year.

In the mean time, it is suggested that effort be made to liquidate, this month, items now remaining unpaid.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

F-S. Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of July 1926.

On the regular account current, herewith, the "balance due the U. S." Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1927, should be changed from 747.50 to 747.60. The amount paid the Pension Bureau for retirement deductions should be included with other disbursements, as shown in pencil. Also please note method of stating schedule of disbursements under "Inclosures" on reverse of account current.

The third item "turpentine" at $1.04 per gal. on Vo. 32, McMurtry Mfg. Co. was not purchased from the lowest bidder, McPhee and McGinnity Co., whose bid was 94¢ per gal., difference of $1.50 on 15 gal. There is nothing on voucher to indicate reason for non acceptance of the lowest bid. It is

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requested that explanation be attached to voucher, which is herewith returned. As previously explained, awards must be split in cases of this kind unless adequate reason for not doing so accompanies the voucher.

Proposal accompanying Vo. 38, is herewith returned for signature of responsible officer in the certificate "I have satisfied myself ****".

Duplicate copy of Vo. No. 7 - Special Deposit account, is herewith returned for your files; kindly forward the original as it was not included with the other vouchers.

The parting and refining charges on assay report No. 97 has been changed to read 189.45 instead of 189.55 and the alloy charge changed from 5.28 to 5.38. These changes are in accordance with figures on abstract sheet, which appear to be correct according to computations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/7/7987, July 6, 1926, Denver to Omaha, Neb.	$1,000.	cents	$ 24.85
J/7/7988, July 20, 1926, Denver to Omaha, Neb.	2,000.	nickels	
	1,000.	cents	42.12
J/7/7989, July 17, 1926, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5,000.	cents	
July 7, 1926, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5,000.	cents	320.56
J/7/7998, July 17, 1926, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	5,000.	cents	160.28

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh and McLennan, in amount 68¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of July 1926. The rate 4 7/8¢ per $1,000.00 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There has been placed to the credit of your 1926 Salaries and Wages appropriation by Certificate No. 66201, dated August 26th, the sum of $25.75, on account of reimbursement for extra expenses of refining silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act. This deposit is without personal credit to you and should not appear in your account current.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Treasurer of the United States stating that he will require the following coinage from your Mint for the remainder of the calendar year regardless of the balances you now have on hand:

Quarters - - - - - - - - - -	$400,000.
Dimes - - - - - - - - - - -	400,000.
Nickels - - - - - - - - - -	200,000.
Cents - - - - - - - - - - -	150,000.

It may be physically impossible for you to coin this exact amount. Please make the necessary preparations, however, to undertake to accomplish this coinage as nearly as possible.

Should you be in need of dies, please wire upon receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1927	$12,900.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1927	3,000.
	15,900.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, amount $176.46, covering freight charges on mint concentrates from Denver to Newark, N. J., October 13, 1925, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of August 24th asking for certain supplies of platinum.

A representative of the New York Assay Office has suggested that we be advised by you as to how the platinum is to be used "to complete his work on these balances."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of September 1st relative to a stock of silver, and necessary action will be taken to keep you supplied. In making up the figures contained in your letter of September 1st did you take into account your recoinage stock?

When the time comes to purchase silver for your institution, it is requested that you invite bids from the following named firms, and others, if you see fit:

U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co., 57 William St., New York, NY,
American Smelting & Refining Co., 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.,
United Metals Selling Co., 25 Broadway, New York, N. Y.,
Handy & Harman, 59 Cedar St., New York, N. Y.,
American Metal Co., 61 Broadway, New York, N. Y.,
Nichols Copper Co., 25 Broad St., New York, N. Y.

The inclosed is a copy of the form of the letter used by the Philadelphia Mint in inviting bids, and I would suggest that you use this form in making requests when the time for purchasing arrives.

Please do not invite bids for the present.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 31, 1926.

Your explanation of acceptance of McMurtry's higher bid on turpentine will probably not clear the item in the General Accounting Office. If McPhee and McGinnity Co. had withdrawn their proposal in writing (their offer having been made in writing) before you accepted same there could be no questioning the transaction. Since McPhee and McGinnity Co's. offer evidently was not withdrawn in writing the Mint's duty was to accept it because it was the lowest bid. In that case the proposal and acceptance would have constituted a legally enforceable contract, and they or their successors would doubtless have performed their part, giving the government the benefit of the lower price. The voucher will be forwarded with the others to the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the sum of $1,500.00, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926.

The enclosed voucher, payable to the Continental Oil Company, $896.58, forwarded to this office with your letter of the 3rd instant, is returned with request that payment be made by your institution. If additional funds are needed in order to meet payment for Order No. 319, "rolls" noted on your Appropriation Transactions Statement, kindly make requisition for same in the usual manner.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 9, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the proposals inclosed in your letter of September 3rd recommending the purchase of books and a magazine.

It is my opinion that the law does not contemplate the purchase of books from your Contingent Expenses, and should we purchase these books, they would be disallowed in your accounts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 10, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Authorized invite proposals and accept lowest bid eighty tons copper.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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September 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

It is noted from your annual report for the fiscal year 1926, on form 900, that small quantities of coin bars are reported as delivered from refinery operations. Since such bars ordinarily result from fire process only, and no material of standard fineness is shown as having been received by the refinery, information is requested as to which of the receipt items contained the material from which the coin bars were produced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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September 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with request in your letter of September 9th, an additional encumbrance of $176.46 is being set up against your 1926 Contingent Appropriation to cover the freight charges on sweeps shipped to Newark in October last. Transportation expenses are always chargeable to the appropriation of the year in which the transportation is procured, or material delivered to the carrier.

It is suggested that in the future the loss on sale of sweeps be charged to the appropriation of the year in which the sale occurs, that is, the year in which the expense is actually incurred. In such case the average price of silver to be used should be that as of the close of the month prior to actual sale. While there is ground for charging such losses to the appropriation of the year in which the sweeps accumulated and in which liability for the loss accrued, it is probable that more satisfactory results will be had from charging such expenses to the year in which the sale is actually made, as suggested by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I am inclosing three letters received today through the Secretary's Office bearing on the attendance records of three employees now retired.

Please forward to the Bureau a statement attached to each letter supplying the information called for, but do not write on the inclosed letters.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Funds credited thirteenth instant.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Appropriation Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

September 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/8/8487,	July 26, 1926, Denver to Houston, Tex.	$10,000.	nickels	
	August 10, 1926, Denver to Houston, Tex.	10,000.	nickels	$250.69
J/8/8488,	August 9, 1926, Denver to Houston, Tex.	3,000.	cents	
		8,000.	Nickels	211.59
J/8/8489,	July 6, 1926, Denver to Kansas City, Mo.	5,000.	cents	137.85
J/8/8490,	July 24, 1926, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	5,000.	cents	160.28
J/8/8491,	August 5, 1926, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	5,000.	cents	160.87

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir,

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $1.15, covering freight charges on one box U. S. 1/4 dollar coinage dies, Philadelphia to Denver, August 3, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, $4.06, covering freight charges on four boxes #2 Porter Safety Seals, Chicago to Denver, August 3rd, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In reference to the recommendation for the promotion of Mr. Dexter, I am inclosing copies of form 375 which it will be necessary for Mr. Dexter to fill out.

This form will manifest Mr. Dexter's education and experience. Please instruct Mr. Dexter to be explicit in describing the experience he has had in the Assay Department of the Mint. It is important for him not to minimize this experience.

Upon receipt of form 375 duly filled out by Mr. Dexter, a letter will be sent to the Civil Service Commission through the Secretary of the Treasury endorsing your recommendation for this promotion, but no action can be taken until after the Civil Service Commission has passed upon the case and the approval of the Secretary has been attached.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your letter of September 17th recommending changes in personnel. Please forward a letter in triplicate recommending the changes in the status of Mr. Bowen and Mr. Hall.

As Mr. Albert Dexter's case will have to be handled separately and passed upon by the Civil Service Commission, it will be necessary to have the letter recommending a change for him separate from the other letters.

Please call attention to the fact that all letters in regard to personnel must be sent to the Bureau in triplicate. This is a regulation of the Secretary's Office which we cannot waive.

I am retaining in this Office Mr. Malmstrom's letter recommending the changes referred to above.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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September 21, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Authorized to invite proposals on three hundred thousand fine ounces silver bullion bids to be opened Saturday September twenty-fifth.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, September 21, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Delivery fifty-four dimes passed.

Grant
Director.

OK

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 218

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September 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

In checking up your cost report for 1926 I note that you coined 519,500 double eagles at a cost of $4.733 per 1,000 pieces. In 1924 you coined 3,376,250 pieces, costing $15.1670 per 1,000 pieces. These prices are not consistent. In 1926 your cost for dimes was $1.044 per 1,000 pieces, and in 1924 the cost was $7.7082. In 1924 your nickel cost was $1.7995. Last year your nickel cost was $1.056. These costs are not consistent. In 1924 your total number of pieces coined was 6,376,250. In 1926 your total number of pieces coined was 47,457,200. This would naturally make the cost per piece lower for 1926, but even then your figures are not consistent. I presume these figures were made up in the Chief Clerk's office without much regard to actual costs, and I am going to ask you to have these figures revised and to send me a new report. The report should be somewhat on the order of the Philadelphia report, where actual costs are kept and where the figures are correct.

The percentage of the overhead should be charged to the coining. Assays for ingots and whatever assays pertain to coining should be charged to coining. Your clerks are certainly not overworked, and there is no reason why they should not keep cost reports which will be at least consistent. I do not wish to establish a burdensome cost report, but I do want to get reports which can be compared with the other offices. You will note on comparison that your refining cost per ounce of metal refined is higher than the other offices. For 1924 your refinery costs were $24.827 per fine ounces refined, and for 1926 the costs were $29.945 per fine ounces refined. In figuring in your costs the thirty days leave and sick leave must be charged as part of the expense for all men working in the coining department or the refining department. The guards and janitors will not be figured as overhead. All other expenses must be prorated.

I have been unable to locate your cost report for 1925. If you have an extra copy, please send it to me.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, September 23, 1926.

Night

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

This will be authority for you to accept lowest bid received on silver Saturday without waiting for Bureau release due to difference in time.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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September 20, 1926

The Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Our balance in the Contingent Expense Public Moneys account for the purchase of stamps to cover coinage shipments is nearly exhausted and I have therefore to request that $2,000 be placed to my credit for this purpose and that I be advised by wire when same is available.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Bureau of the Mint, September 23, 1926.

Approved and respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of certificate of settlement of your regular disbursing account for the month of April, 1926, which certificate was forwarded with your letter of September 15th. Since the Bureau receives a copy of each certificate of settlement, it will not be necessary for you to forward your copies in the future. Herewith please find copy of letter sent the General Accounting Office requesting removal of the suspension in your April account.

Please note that the difference mentioned in this settlement was "suspended" and not "disallowed" as indicated in your letter. The General Accounting Office "suspends" action on items pending receipt of additional information to enable them to take final action, which may be either allowance or disallowance. Amounts "disallowed" have to be repaid to the Treasury unless, as a result of formal appeal through the head of the Department, supported by adequate reasons therefor, such disallowance is modified by the Comptroller General.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

September 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have your letter of September 24th requesting authority to purchase rugs. I would be glad to accede to your request, but under the present circumstances I think it best not to undertake this purchase for the time being. A considerable issue is being made in the matter of economizing in expenditures of this kind, and for that reason. I hope it will be possible to postpone the purchase of the rugs until later.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WAIT

Washington, September 28, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Understand American Smelting erroneously shipped you hundred thousand ounces silver. Hold but do not purchase or take into account until further instructed.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, September 29, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Accept the one hundred thousand ounces silver forwarded by American Smelting as part of the three hundred thousand ounces purchased from American Metals on American Metals account.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OK

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3123

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September 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of August 1926.

Apparently the Bureau did not receive Form 550-A covering certificate of deposit No. 10, dated August 30th, for $12,000.00, at the time the deposit was made; it is requested that it be forwarded.

The lowest bid was not accepted on item 4 listed on Vo. 52, payable to The Golden Fire Brick Co., 12 "Top Tile for Furnace Hoods S-41-4" at 75¢ each, as the Denver Fire Clay Co. submitted a bid for 15¢ less than The Golden Fire Brick Co., total difference $1.80. The voucher is enclosed for indication thereon of a pertinent explanation as to the reason for accepting other than the lowest bid.

It is noted that Vo. 58, payable to the Fyr-Fyter Co., is charged to the 1927 contingent appropriation whereas notation on face of voucher reads in part "Completing order No. 363 from U. S. Mint, Denver, Fiscal Year 1926". Should not this have been paid from the 1926 contingent appropriation?

Your bullion abstract sheets for August included mutilated coin items which should have been separately totaled, for more ready checking with the corresponding items on the account current; this is for future guidance. Also, when charges on rejected deposits are noted on the bullion abstract sheets they should follow the totals of the other items, and be added to

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the pertinent "charges" columns, without bringing down the totals of other columns.

Further information is requested concerning "rejected" deposit No. 96. It appears that a melting charge of $1.00 was imposed on the "deposit" weighing 153 ounces, and that the bar was made a "special assay" on which $4.00 was collected, the assay showing it to have been a high grade gold and silver bar with only about 14thousandths base. Cause of rejection and method of imposing charges should be stated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $4.81, covering freight charges on two dozen nickel collars, Philadelphia to Denver, August 26, $3.20 and on fifteen obverse quarter dollar dies, Philadelphia to Denver, August 12, $1.61, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M M-Dowell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at
Denver, 1927 $13,200.

Respectfully,

Wm. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

October 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/8/9112,	August 16, 1926, Denver to Houston, Tex.	$ 5,000. nickels		
	August 11, 1926, Denver to Houston, Tex.	2,000. nickels		
	August 23, 1926, Denver to Houston, Tex.	10,000. nickels		
		2,000. cents	$267.71	
J/8/9111,	August 28, 1926, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5,000. cents		
	August 18, 1926, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5,000. cents	321.74	

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-M

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October 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

While in Denver I spoke to you about repairing the assay balances for Seattle and I think I told you one of these balances would be along in a short time. I have just had a letter from Mr. Hatheway in which he says it will not be convenient to spare one of the balances until after February 1st, when their heavy work lets up, and you will please notify Mr. Moessner that he will not have any work to do for Seattle until after that time.

Mr. Hatheway has only one button balance in his Office. This balance is in much need of repair, and if you have an extra button balance in Denver which you could spare, send it to Seattle at their expense while theirs is being repaired, and this will help them out.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Since writing to you yesterday I find we have two or three button balances here, any one of them suitable for the Seattle Assay Office, so we shall ship a balance from here within the next few days and ask you to have it overhauled and forwarded to Seattle on a Government Bill of Lading, Seattle to pay the charges.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1926.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Please proceed to increase output one cent pieces and reduce output dimes.

Grant
Director Mint.

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October 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find original of your acceptance of proposal of the Colorado Compressed Gas Company for furnishing oxygen and hydrogen gas to your institution during the current fiscal year. This has been approved and the duplicate thereof attached to the proposal, forming contract T4m-10, which is being retained in this Office and will be later filed in the General Accounting Office.

Relative to the Prest-O-Lite Company proposal, additional information is requested before approval of same. Please forward welding service agreement, mentioned in the last paragraph of typed rider attached to the Company's proposal as being made a part of the proposal, also please advise the Bureau as to the probable cost to the Government under the paragraph just mentioned and the preceding one, since the other bidders' quotations on these items made no mention of such expenses.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Amounts reported in your statement of appropriation transactions for September as liquidated without local cash payment include, under Bureau letter of September 30, $4.81 and $1.61, with encumbrances liquidated of $10. and $8. Reference to the letter of September 30, will show that the $4.81 was made up of $3.20 and $1.61. Apparently the $1.61 has been twice recorded in your expenditure record. Unless we receive word from you to the contrary we will act on the understanding that the non local cash items for September should be, in total: payments $10.02; encumbrances liquidated $18.56

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Director has handed me your letter of October 8th asking for authority to install a clock furnishing Naval Observatory time hourly by the Western Union at a rental of $1.50 per month. The Director has asked me to say that for the present he would rather you would not undertake this installation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company covering freight charges on 20 obverse one cent dies and 20 reverse one cent dies, Sept. 10, 1926, $3.06 and on 5 obverse dime dies and 15 obverse nickel dies, 15 reverse nickel dies, 10 obverse one cent dies and 10 reverse one cent dies, Sept. 8, 1926, $3.90, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation. All the above shipments were from Philadelphia to Denver; the total amount of the bill being $6.96.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/9/9632, September 13, 1926, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	$10,000.	nickels	
	5,000.	cents	$270.96
J/9/9633, August 26, 1926, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	5,000.	cents	160.87
J/9/9634, September 2, 1926, Denver to Omaha, Neb.	1,000.	cents	24.95

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 2,, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh and McLennan, 20¢, for insurance charges of shipments of minor coin made during the month of September, 1926. The rate 4 7/8¢ per $1000.00 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN?

Washington, October 22, 1926.

Night Letter.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

How soon could you start delivery quarter eagles and how many could you deliver per day (Stop) Four hundred thousand pieces required.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, October 25, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Do not change your present program until further instructions.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3168

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October 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of September, 1926.

It is requested that duplicate copy of Vo. No. 85, in favor of Philadelphia Mint, for coin collars, be forwarded as this is a payment to another government disbursing officer and in such cases the General Accounting Office requires original and duplicate.

Figures on the carbon copies of the accounts current for September are quite uncertain in a number of instances, due, apparently, to use of worn carbonpaper.

Memo copy of payroll for the period Sept. 1-15 is herewith returned for your files.

Your payroll for first half of September will be forwarded to the General Accounting Office to support cash payments to Agnes McKhew and P. Ryan, whose signatures do not appear on the roll for full month. It is requested that in future the midmonth cash payments be receipted for on form 941 (copy enclosed), such receipts to be returned to employees when they sign the final roll. When the final roll is not signed by any employee who has received cash payments the loose receipt should be forwarded to support the final roll. The memo mid-month roll should be retained for your files - it is not desired by the General Accounting Office. The provision for paying amounts in round dollars (excluding cents) at midmonth is applicable to per diem as well as per annum employees; your September roll was not prepared on this basis. The monthly payroll should be prepared, and be treated on the schedule of disbursements and in the accounts, as a single voucher (instead of two vouchers - one for per annum and another for per diem employees), and should

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be approved for the gross amount earned since you disburse the retirement deductions as well as the amounts payable to the employees.

It is noted that in some instances where per annum rates are not evenly divisible by twelve, employees were paid one cent more for the month than the amounts carried in the salary tables; instances are Messrs Leach and Belknap. If this should be done for each month of the year there would be yearly overpayment of 4¢, therefore care should be exercised to insure that no such overpayments occur. While the salary tables are prepared on the basis of loss of 4¢ or 8¢ per annum in cases of the kind under consideration it seems improbable that the General Accounting Office will insist on these losses of pay. However, the amount of loss is so small as to be inconsequential in any individual case, especially when compared with the convenience of invariability in the month's compensation.

With regard to compensation rates not in the salary tables please note that in making computation a half cent or more is to be treated as a cent, and that less than a half cent is to be disregarded; with precedence, however, given to the requirement explained above that a combination of payments may not be permitted to overdraw an employee's allowance for a definite period. This computation adjustment applies to retirement deductions as well as to gross amount earned.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/9/10050	9/13/26	Denver to	Omaha, Neb.	$2,000	nickels	$66.98
				2,000	cents	
J/9/10055	9/17/26	do	Houston, Tex.	3,000	do	184.79
do	9/10/26	do	do	2,000	do	
J/9/10054	8/28/26	do	Kansas City	5,000	do	276.72
do	8 /7.26	do	do	5,000	do	
J/9/10053	9/13/26	do	Dallas	10,000	nickels	110.09
J/9/10052	9/11/26	do	do	5,000	cents	160.87
J/9/10051	9/4/26	do	Houston	20,000	nickels	251.32

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1926.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Impossible to comply Bannister's request to open Mint to visitors.

GRANT
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

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October 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In regard to Bureau letter of October 11th, returning original copy of your acceptance of proposal of the Colorado Compressed Gas Company for furnishing oxygen and hydrogen to your institution during the current fiscal year, kindly advise the Bureau if the inclosures therewith did not inadvertently include the duplicate of the acceptance referred to above, attached to the proposal. If so, kindly return to the Bureau and if to the contrary, please advise.

Apparently no reply has been received by this office regarding the information requested in the second paragraph of the same letter of October 11th relative to the Prest-O-Lite Company's proposal. If a reply has been made kindly forward a copy of such letter to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, $13,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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November 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution.

Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926 $1,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With further reference to the matter of contract with the Colorado Compressed Gas Company for furnishing oxygen and hydrogen gas to your institution during the current fiscal year, I have to advise that the papers pertaining to same have evidently been misplaced, as they cannot be located in this office, nor have they reached the General Accounting Office.

A copy of your acceptance of the Gas Company's proposal was received with your letter of November 3rd; will you kindly now forward signed duplicates of the proposals of the above named Company and of the Linde Air Products Co., for filing with the General Accounting Office?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., $4.25, covering freight charges on four boxes of seals, Chicago to Denver, Sept. 20, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 12, 1926.

Superintendent Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Director has taken no action yet on Eggert case.

Writing.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

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November 12, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find copies of compensation schedules covering rates being paid at your institution which are not contained in "Government Salary Tables, 1926".

These tables may differ in slight degree with tables prepared in your office, due to method of handling the adjustments on fractional parts of 1¢ where the per diem or per annum rates are not exactly divisible.

Copies of the enclosed tables are being forwarded to the General Accounting Office, and it is requested that the enclosures be used in preparing your rolls.

If any errors are found in the enclosed tables, please advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-S.
Encl.

November 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

J/10/10519	9/21/26	Denver	to	Dallas	$15,000	nickels	$165.19	
J/10/10519	9/18/26	do	do	do	15,000	do	165.19	330.38
J/10/10520	9/25/26	do	do	do	5,000	cents	160.87	160.87
J/10/10521	10/2/26	do	do	do	15,000	nickels		
					20,000	cents	326.05	326.05
J/10/10522	10/5/26	do	do	do	5,000	do	160.87	160.87
J/10/10523	9/15/26	do	do	Kansas City	5,000	do	138.36	138.36

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $3.93, covering freight charges on one-cent and dime collars, Philadelphia to Denver, September 29, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of November 17th, there is being returned herewith, for cancellation, your letter of acceptance of the proposal of The Prest-O-Lite Co., Inc., for furnishing your institution with acetylene gas during the current fiscal year. The Prest-O-Lite Company's proposal, also the proposal of the Acetylene Service Co., are also returned herewith. These proposals should be retained for submission to the General Accounting Office in case they call for same in connection with the contract for oxygen and hydrogen gas.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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November 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19th in regard to sweeps, you are hereby authorized to ship the sweeps to the American Smelting and Refining Company, Omaha Plant, they being the highest bidder.

I am returning herewith the proposals inclosed in your letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Referring to our letter to you today regarding sweeps, unless there is some special reason for keeping these sweeps separate, I would suggest they be shipped in three lots instead of six, in order to save the sampling charge. If there is no sampling charge it does not make any difference, but I cannot see why there should be two lots of ingot sweeps and three lots of refinery sweeps when they all go to the same account.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

In regard to the coin sacks which the Philadelphia Mint is now figuring on for you, unless there is a wide difference in prices we would like to have the sacks made at the Philadelphia Mint in order to keep our force employed during the slack times.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The balance for the Seattle Assay Office was shipped by express to you from here on Saturday last, November 20th.

Please have Mr. Moessner overhaul this balance and send it by express on Government Bill of Lading to Seattle.

Let Seattle pay the express charges.

I am inclosing the Original Bill of Lading covering the shipment above referred to.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh & McLennan, 24¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of October, 1926. The rate 4 7/8 cents per $1,000. is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find copy of a letter dated November 22, 1926, received from the General Accounting Office regarding a check for $114.20, issued by you to Sam Shuster, deceased.

Please advise the Bureau as to the date and number of the bullion deposit for which the check is a payment. If you are in position to learn the next of kin of Mr. Shuster, please also indicate that fact with address as well as any other information which might be useful to the General Accounting Office in handing this matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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November 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Co., as follows:

J/10/10956	9/20/26	Denver	to.	Minnpls.	$5000 cents	$160.87
J/10/10958	10/11/26	do	do	Salt Lake City	1000 do	27.73
J/10/10959	10/5/26	do	do	Minnpls.	5000 do	160.87
J/10/10962	10/11/26	do	do	Dallas	15000 nickels	165.19
J/10/10960	10/11/26	do	do	Houston	10000 do	125.60

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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November 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

In regard to an assayer for the New Orleans Mint, I would like to have you get in touch at once with Mr. Cecil T. Gray, and arrange for him to take up his duties at New Orleans at as early a date as possible, and not later than December 15th. His salary will be at the rate of $2,100. per annum, and he is to pay all his own expenses. If possible, I would like to have Mr. Gray spend two or three days in your Assay Office at Denver in order to get some idea of the work he will have to do. He will then be expected to spend two or three days in the New Orleans Mint in order to familiarize himself with the work before going on the pay roll, as we have no appropriation there to pay for any extra time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, November 27, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Murray New Orleans has recalled resignation. Cancel our letter twenty-sixth.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

November 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of November 23rd in regard to copying records of the Denver Mint from 1864 to 1909, as long as this work is done by one Department of the Government for another, there is no objection. There is objection, however, to an employee of the Government drawing salaries from two Departments. There is also objection to one man working alone in the Mint after hours, unless it is absolutely necessary. I would suggest that you have your own clerks do this work during regular hours without extra pay, or have Mr. Henderson hire a man to do the work in the daytime, or during regular hours.

If you have a complete set of the Reports of the Director of the Mint during the dates mentioned, I think you can get more information out of them than you can out of the records.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of November 23rd in regard to retirement ages, all employees of the Mint Service will be retirable at 65 except clerks, elevator pilots, guards, and one or two other classes, a list of which will be sent to you as soon as same is approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

In regard to my letter to you of yesterday, asking you to employ Mr. Gray to go to New Orleans, I received a wire this morning from Mr. Magruder, the Assayer in Charge there, stating that Mr. Murray, the present Assayer, wishes to recall his resignation and will keep his position. Hence, my telegram to you today, cancelling my letter of yesterday.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I remain

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of October, 1926.

One copy each of the regular and the bullion accounts current are herewith returned for correction as per pencil notations thereon. The $53,000.00 prior month's silver advance should be eliminated from the gold account, with corresponding reduction of column totals throughout the bullion account current.

The amount of $4.68 charges on bars sold should be stated on the proper line instead of being included with deductions on bullion deposits, on the regular account current. Apparently this item was not properly stated on certificate of deposit; see Bureau letter with accompanying schedule of Miscellaneous Receipt Headings, effective July 1, 1926. Also note amendments under "Inclosures" on reverse of each account current.

Herewith please find deposit certificates Nos. 697 and 698 for indication thereon of amounts paid out for the uncurrent gold and silver coin.

Attention is invited to the matter of bar payments on deposits and the charges thereon. The Denver Mint apparently is making charges in every instance, as well as making very minute adjustment in each case in order to pay out gold bullion to the full net value of the gold bullion in the deposit.

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A depositor of bullion is entitled to take payment in bars without paying any bar charge, if he is willing to take such bars as are available. This contemplates the keeping of a small stock of miscellaneous size bars below 999 thousandths fine, for the purpose. However, when a depositor asks for bars of particular sizes, or for 999 thousandths fine or above, he must pay for same, in accordance with the schedule of charges. When special bars are requested by a depositor please indicate the size or fineness requested in the place provided for same on upper right-hand corner of the assay report. A mere request for payment in bars (no specialty specified) should be indicated in the same place by a check mark. Please discontinue the minute adjustments necessary when attempt is made to pay out bullion to the full net value of bullion received. This contemplates selection of a bar or bars that approximate but do not exceed the net value of the corresponding kind of bullion in the deposit, and payment of the difference either in cash or by check. This request applies to both gold bars, and silver bars in the account "Silver Bullion for Bars". This method has long been in practice at the other institutions.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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F.

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November 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am inclosing two cents which were sent with others to the Secret Service here in Washington from Dallas, Texas, to find out if they were counterfeits. I have had two others weighed and assayed with the following result:

Coin #1 Weight 48.65 grains. Copper 95.02%.
Coin #2 Weight 48.45 grains. Copper 95.05%.

I hate to admit that these coins are genuine, but from two other coins taken out of a sack shipped from the Denver Mint to the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank and which were almost as bad as the two inclosed, I am inclined to think they all came from the Denver Mint. I cannot see for the life of me how such coins could escape detection and get outside of the Mint. I can understand why a few coins might be struck off, either with a poor die or not enough pressure, but I cannot understand how so many coins could be struck off, reviewed, and then sent out.

The report from the Secret Service Agent at Dallas says: "The town is flooded with them".

As I have already written to you, I want a thorough investigation made and a report in this matter at once, in the meantime reviewing all the coins you have on hand.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$13,000.00
Contingent Expenses	5,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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December 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 4th, and I have today requested the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to forward to you:

5,000 canvas sacks, 11 1/4" x 22", and
5,000 " " 11 1/4" x 20".

It is understood that the sacks are to be double sewed, and made of 8 ounce canvas.

As the sacks are to be used for shipping minor coin, it is understood that payment will be made from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 9, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of December 3rd has been received, and I am inclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Edward Tyrrell, a Secret Service Operative of the San Antonio District. The letter is self-explanatory.

I am also inclosing 8 of the 10 coins, together with the tag and seal. I am holding 2 of the coins here.

I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Tyrrell and have him send you the cents which are poorly coined and have them replaced by good ones.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I am returning herewith the papers covering the purchase of flags, and have to advise you it is not necessary to have the approval of the Department on this order.

We are required to obtain clearance from the Bureau of Supply in case we wish to exchange or purchase typewriters, but when we purchase other supplies at the rates indicated in the General Supply Schedule, we are not obliged to make further request for clearance from Washington before purchase.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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December 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I have your letter of December 7th, proposing certain adjustments in the operations of the Denver Mint after January 1st.

It will be impossible to procure funds in addition to the existing appropriation for the operation of the Denver Mint during the balance of the fiscal year. Consequently, we shall not be able to increase the force. With your present organization I would suggest the following arrangement; that you undertake to run the silver cells in the refinery and do nothing on gold, allowing that to accumulate. To accomplish this plan it would seem possible to carry only a skeleton force in the coining department, and make 1¢ pieces and 5¢ pieces, and to shift the force so that a sufficient number of men can be assigned to the refinery to care for the refining of silver only. I would like to leave it to your discretion to utilize the coining department to the extent you find it possible on either minor coins or dimes. This is the best plan I can suggest for the present. From the knowledge we have at this time, this program will be satisfactory to the Department.

Should we be obliged to change this plan, I shall give you as much advance notice as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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December 16, 1926.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of December 13, asking for copies of Form 3-R1, Application fo Annuity, one of which is to be used in the case of Mr. George H. Smith.

Copies of the form are enclosed. However, the records of the Bureau indicate that Mr. Smith was born on February 26, 1859. He will, therefore, not be eligible for retirement until he reaches the age of 70 in 1929. Are our records as to the date of his birth correct?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/11/11511, 10-18-26, Denver to Kansas City, Mo.	$5,000. nickels 5,000. cents	
10-6-26, Denver to Kansas City, Mo.	5,000. nickels 5,000. cents	$372.46
J/11/11512, 10-26-26, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	10,000. nickels	110.09
J/11/11513, 10-27-26, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5,000. cents	160.87
J/11/11507, 11-4-26, Denver to Omaha, Neb.	2,000. cents	49.88
J/11/11508, 10-26-26, Denver to Omaha, Neb.	2,000. nickels	17.38
J/11/11502, 10-30-26, Denver to Houston, Tex.	2,000. cents	74.11
J/11/11498, 11-6-26, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	10,000. cents	321.73

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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December 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Deposit certificates Nos. 736, 752, 760, 762, 792, 834 and 839, with accompanying papers, pertaining to your accounts for the month of November are herewith returned for execution of the certificate of delivery on face thereof. It is considered desirable to have the Superintendent's certificate of delivery in addition to express or registery receipt, where delivery of bars or cash is made by common carrier.

Assay report No. 842 is also herewith enclosed, for the weigher's signature.

A number of the assay reports, upon which bar charges are indicated, are not supported by indication of the bar charge rate per $100.00; examples are assay reports Nos. 725, 729 and 736.

The Bullion Abstract Sheets contain a number of transpositions. Bar charges are carried in the alloy column in the following instances: Deposit No. 732, 23¢; No. 736, 31¢; No. 762, 32¢; No. 818, 14¢. The charges on deposit No. 779 are all transposed one column to the right; $1.00 melting charge, 59¢ parting and refining charge, and 1¢ alloy charge, are in the columns, respectively, parting and refining, alloy, and bar. On page 3 of the bullion abstract sheet the total of parting and refining column adds 4¢ more than indicated, and the alloy column 4¢ less than indicated. On the bullion abstract sheets for the month of December, following the month's totals, please make adjustment of these errors. The following corrections in net value colum on last page of the bullion abstract sheets have been made in this office: Amount brought forward has been changed to read $1,114,549.45, and total of the column has been changed to read $1,192,027.85. On page 3 of the bullion abstract sheet the parting and refining charge on deposit No. 817, assay No.1054, has been corrected from $41.77 to $41.79.

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On your payroll for the month of October, marginal notations were not made to support changes in the status of R. E. Hall, Assistant Assayer, and W. F. Bowen, Humid Assayer. The same is true of change in status on November roll of A. J. Dexter. These omissions have been supplied in this office.

It is noted that, as regards certifications on the back of payrolls, each roll is divided into two sections, one covering the per-annum employees and the other the per-diem employees. The roll should be considered as a single unit with a single certification covering same, since salaries and wages are now combined in a single appropriation. It is also noted that in the preparation of the payrolls, certain of the clerks are designated as "Clerk class 5", Clerk class 4", etc. These class designations were discontinued at the time the classification act of 1923 became effective.

On November schedule of collections the total of the seigniorage items has been corrected in this office to read $83,793.10.

The carbon copy of the November Regular Account Current is very indistinct. Clear carbon copies of the accounts current should always be furnished, since they are retained in the Bureau files for permanent reference.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encls.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington, December 31, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Appointment Frederick Askine as guard effective January fourth approved.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
GOVERNMENT RATES
ENTER TREASURY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2188

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December 31, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Your telegram of the 28th in regard to fifteen pairs each of dime and one-cent dies has been received, and the order placed in Philadelphia. The dies will go forward in due time.

We are cautioned all the time against using telegrams except where absolutely necessary. Please bear this in mind.

With the small force you have left after starting the refinery I would advise the coining of cents up to the limit of your crew.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by March & McLennan, $.54, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of November, 1926. The rate 4 ½¢ per $1000 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 3, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$12,800.00
Contingent Expenses	3,000.00
	15,800.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

January 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor metal coinage fund/ profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/11/11972,	11-27-26,	Denver to Dallas, Tex.	$ 5,000. cents	$160.57
J/11/11971,	11-20-26,	Denver to Houston, Tex.	15,000. nickels	
			4,000. cents	336.57

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1927.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of the Chicago Crucible Company, amounting to $840.84, to furnish 500 4-inch graphite rings and 300 2-inch graphite rings for No. 80 crucibles, it being understood that this is the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
3 bids.

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January 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, $110.64, covering freight charges on mint concentrates, Denver to Omaha, December 7th, last, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 10, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 6, 1927, requesting aprons to be manufactured at the Mint, Philadelphia. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to fill the order as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/12/12548,	11-22-26,	Denver to Kansas City, Mo.	$ 5,000.	cents	
	11-10-26,	Denver to Kansas City, Mo.	5,000.	cents	$276.72
J/12/12544,	11-30-26,	Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5,000.	cents	160.87
J/12/12545,	11-18-26,	Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	10,000.	nickels	110.09
J/12/12539,	11-17-26,	Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.	5,000.	cents	160.86
J/12/12270,	11-10-26,	Denver to Omaha, Neb.	2,000.	nickels	
			2,000.	cents	67.15
J/12/12267,	11-29-26,	Denver to Omaha, Neb.	2,000.	cents	49.88

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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January 14, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of January 11, 1927, you are authorized to invite proposals and accept the lowest quotation to supply your Mint with 80 tons of cathode copper for minor coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1927.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Act making appropriations for the support of the Mint service for the fiscal year 1928 makes no provision for the support of the Deadwood Office. It will, therefore, be necessary to close that institution on June 30, 1927. With a view to being prepared for this work I should like to have a physical inventory taken of supplies and equipment now on hand, together with the bullion in any and every form, now in the custody of the Assayer in Charge. I would like to send a man from the Denver Mint to do this work, or to supervise it. It has occurred to me that Mr. Leech would be the best one to send as he has a general knowledge of proper conditions as to books and stock. Will you think this matter over and give me the benefit of your judgement. If you think it would be better to have some one else undertake the work, or find that Mr. Leech does not want to undertake it, let me know as soon as you can. I would like to have whoever goes there reach Deadwood without previous information to the Assayer in Charge. For this reason it will be necessary for you to

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treat this correspondence as strictly confidential, and to avoid any discussion of the plan by whoever might be consulted as to going to Deadwood.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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January 20, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In reviewing the statistics for the past several years on coins received for recoinage, it is found that material differences occurred between amounts reported monthly as having been received for melting and recoinage and amounts reported quarterly on form 474-A. Apparently considerable time elapsed between the time of receipt of coin and the time of its counting. Can you suggest some plan by which differences between the reports in question will be minimized?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reill

F-S. Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh & McLennan, 45¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of December. The rate 4½¢ per $1000 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 18th instant, requisition has been approved for advance to you the sum of $600.00 Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Re December accounts.

Proposals accompanying Vo. 194, The Western Elaterite Roofing Co., and No. 209, Denver Fire Clay Co., are herewith returned for the signature of the Superintendent in the certificate "I have satisfied myself * * *".

Voucher No. 196 is enclosed for correction; the name of the payee as signed in the first certificate on the voucher differs from the manner in which it is noted in the upper portion thereof.

Please discontinue noting on reverse of voucher forms that supporting papers (proposals, contracts, etc.) are "At the Department". They are not at the Department; all such papers are filed in the General Accounting Office, which is not a part of the Treasury Department. In the case of numbered contracts the number is sufficient notation, and when the papers accompany some other voucher that voucher number should be noted.

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Denver -2-.

First page of payroll for the month of December together with the midmonth receipt of Frances Torrence are enclosed for whatever correction is necessary. It will be noted that the receipt is for $63.00, whereas the notation on the roll for the same period is $62.00, with check payment of $63.00, the two making total amount payable, $125.00.

Information is requested as to the methods used in arriving at the melting charges on deposits Nos. 872 and 892, with the reasons therefor. Each deposit consists of four melts, and apparently some of the melts were combined for the purpose of imposing the melting charges. In future similar cases it is suggested that notations be made on the assay reports as to which items have been combined.

Deposit Certificate No. 864 is returned for completion of the certificate on the face thereof denoting that delivery was made by express.

Apparently the bar charge on deposit No. 852, should be 72¢ instead of 62¢; a short charge of 10¢

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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January 25, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Below please find a tabulation of encumbrances set up and encumbrances liquidated pertaning to your Contingent Appropriation for the first six months of the current fiscal year, as per your monthly reports:

	Set up.	Liquidated
July - - - -	$ 603.61	$ 47.76
August - - -	1,378.28	684.60
September - -	1,237.66	1,320.48
		18.56
October - - -	2,170.18	1,304.95
		10.00
November - -	1,695.67	2,200.69
		8.43
December - -	4,159.51	1,852.24
Totals -	11,244.91	7,447.71
Unliquidated		3,797.20
		11,244.91

From the above it will be noted that the unliquidated balance, as of December 31st, was $3,797.20 instead of $3,807.20 as per your December report of appropriation transactions. The difference of $10.00 (non-local item) evidently occurred during the month of October. No mention was previously made of this as it was thought it would be caught without being mentioned.

Since your monthly report of appropriation transactions includes the data which also appear on form 998 "Schedule of Encumbrances", form 998 may be discontinued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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January 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/12/13029,	12-15-26, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	$ 5,000.	cents	
	12-13-26, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	5,000.	cents	$321.74
J/12/13022,	12-18-26, Denver to Houston, Tex.	10,000.	nickels	
		4,000.	cents	273.79
J/12/13020,	12-18-26, Denver to Omaha, Neb.	2,000.	cents	49.88

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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January 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, covering freight charges on ten obverse and five reverse double eagle dies and five obverse dollar dies, $2.77; and ten obverse quarter dollar dies, five reverse quarter dollar dies, ten obverse and five reverse dime dies, ten obverse and five reverse nickel dies and ten obverse and five reverse one-cent dies, $4.42, total amount $7.19, was this day forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co., $3.20, covering freight charges on stationery, Washington to Denver, November 16, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent expenses.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 29, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Bowen's bond now in mail incorrectly prepared.

Please return.

GRANT
Director.

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January 31, 1927.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I have your letter of January 27, 1927, enclosing a memo from Mr. Milsom and think that it is best not to open up the subject matter of the letter at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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January 31, 1927.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Responding to your request of January 26, you are authorized to invite proposals and accept the lowest bid for supplying your Mint with 10 tons of nickel for minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$12,800.00
Contingent Expenses,	3,000.00

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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February 5, 1927.

My dear Mr. Shepard:

I am very gratified that Mr. Leech can arrange to go to Deadwood to make the inventory. I am enclosing a letter of general instructions for him which I shall ask you to deliver to him.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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February 5, 1927.

Dear Mr. Leech:

I am very glad that you will be able to undertake the confidential mission to Deadwood. The Appropriation Act for the support of our institutions does not provide for Deadwood. This is now well known, and the personnel at Deadwood has the impending closing of the office in mind. If, without hazard on account of weather, you can make the trip soon I shall be glad. It seems best to have you go there without previous notice to the Deadwood office.

I would like to have you check the bullion inventory by calling for the last bullion inventory sent to the Bureau, a copy of which Mr. Stewart should furnish you, and then make a clean-up and send all bullion on hand to the Mint, this to be done while you are in Deadwood. After the date determined upon by you for the clean-up, it will, of course, be necessary to resume the receipt of deposits up to the close of the fiscal year, or within as close a date as will permit the final shipment of all bullion previous to June 30, 1927.

I am enclosing for your use the inventory of equipment and supplies given by Mr. Russell to Mr. Stewart when the latter took over the Deadwood Office. As an important item in the final closing of the Office will be the accountability of Mr. Stewart for all equipment, and, further, as the disposal of this equipment will have to be based upon your inventory, it is very important that the new inventory be

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carefully made up.

I am enclosing a copy of the latest travel regulations which provide a choice of two rates, - $7.00 and $6.00. After reading the regulations will you please advise me which you prefer and your travel authority will be made out according to your wishes, Transportation requests will be sent covering railroad and Pullman when I hear that you are ready to start.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Contract No. T4m-11 for supplying your institution with 250 tons of coal, has been detached from the January voucher with which it was forwarded, and is being sent to the General Accounting Office for filing in the numerical series. All numbered contracts should be separately filed instead of being forwarded with vouchers to which they pertain.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-S.

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February 9, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

K/1/460	12/18/26	Denver	to K. C.	$5,000	cents	$138.36
do	12/ 4/26	do	do	5,000	do	138.36

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

E. F.

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Superintendent Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Assay Commission found all coins your Mint up to ~~xxxxxxxx~~ requirements.

Grant
Director.

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February 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co., $3.24, covering freight charges on one box U. S. flags, from Philadelphia to Denver, December 31, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $7.12, covering freight charges on dies and anode bags, Philadelphia to Denver, January 3rd, 5th and 6th, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M M Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The regular account current accompanying your accounts for January, is herewith returned for amendment; the 10¢ collected on account of undercharge (bar) on December deposit No. 852 should be listed under "Deductions on Bullion deposits" instead of under "Charges on Bars Sold". While the 10¢ was collected in cash it was not for bars sold and is properly classifiable as a charge on deposits. Since the amount was collected in cash, as a revenue belonging to the regular accounts, it need not have been shown at all on the bullion account current. It should have been shown either on the schedule of collections or on the bullion abstract for arriving at the total charges to be shown on the face of the regular account current.

The schedule of collections (herewith) needed amendment as to other items, so the charges on deposits have been indicated thereon, in pencil. Other pencil notations have been made on the schedule of collections, which should make clear the method of using same. Where amounts collected (right hand "amount" column) are clearly identified by corresponding certificate of deposit amounts, the amounts need not be shown a second time in the left-hand margin; but where more than one certificate of deposit pertains to a collection item, the certificates of deposit should (in the left-hand margin) be matched against right-hand column items, and certificates of deposit pertaining to prior collections should be so noted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find copy of a letter of the General Accounting Office dated February 21, 1927, with accompanying papers pertaining to a purchase of gloves by you in September, last. Presumably the papers were detached from one of your public vouchers in the General Accounting Office. With return of the enclosures to the Bureau, please give the information desired by the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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February 24, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $2.60, covering freight charges on anode bags, Philadelphia to Denver, January 6, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint, Denver,
Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from minor coinage profits bill of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

K/2/1342	12/13/26	Minnpls.	from	Denver	$5,000	pennies	$160.87	
do	12/22/26	do	do	do	5,000	do	160.87	$321.74

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages $13,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R. F.

March 10, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 3rd, this letter will be your authority to purchase one Remington typewriter, listed in the General Supply Catalogue under class 18, item 18620 (a) (2), at a cost of $75. with the understanding that you will furnish in exchange one L. C. Smith typewriter, model #8, Serial No. 337506 with an exchange allowance of $25.

The General Supply Committee has approved this purchase for clearance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $2.26, covering freight charges on coinage dies, Philadelphia to Denver, February 4, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 11, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Referring telegram March tenth authorized accept lowest bid on borax.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—3738 DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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March 14, 1927.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of certain material on hand at the Assay Office in Deadwood which will be available for distribution to our Offices in anticipation of the closing of the Deadwood Office on June 30th.

Please go over the list and place a check opposite each item which you think could be used by your institution, with the understanding that the cost of transportation will be a charge against your contingent appropriation.

With your reply Please return this list.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 15, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Arrange to coin silver dollars as soon as possible.

Grant
Director.

R.J.G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2/27

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March 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $17.10, covering freight charges on anode bags from Philadelphia to Denver, February 14, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 14th, you are authorized to purchase from the American Furniture Company one 60-yard roll of window shade cloth at $1.05 per yard, this being the lowest of four bids received.

The proposals inclosed in your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14th in regard to a 300 ounce Troemner assay balance in the Deadwood Office, you are advised that the Assayer in Charge at Deadwood has been instructed to send all the balances now in that Office to the Denver Office. The balances he is not using will probably be shipped at once. The others will be shipped when the Deadwood Office is closed up July 1st.

I would like to have Mr. Moessner overhaul all these balances when opportunity offers, and whatever balances you need in the Denver Office, you can retain. We may order the others out to other places, where needed.

The Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint will ship you in the near future one of his assay balances for overhauling. I wish you would have this balance attended to as soon as convenient.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury is anxious to have all the Pittman dollars coined up as soon as possible. For that reason we wired you last week to start coining silver dollars. You will proceed with this work as fast as possible without interfering with the refinery, as you cannot coin the silver until it has been refined.

It will not be necessary to do any minor or subsidiary coinage while coining silver dollars.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Acceptances are now being made, in the order of receipt of tenders in this office, of an inconsiderable quantity of silver at $1.00 per fine ounce, to complete necessary purchases under the Act of April 23, 1918. These acceptances are due to short delivery on tenders accepted in June, 1923, or prior thereto.

Below is the name of a concern, with quantity, whose tender is being accepted for delivery at your mint. The delivery should be supported by affidavits on the same forms as used heretofore, prior to your making of payment.

The acceptances are being accompanied by a request that this office be promptly advised whether deliveries will be made, in what amounts, and when. You will be later advised as to the results of these requests.

Homestake Mining Company - - - 269 ounces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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March 19, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 12th requesting contract forms for use incident to the obtaining of a new franchise by the Public Service Company of Colorado, whose rates have been amended by reason of the new franchise. In reply attention is invited to paragraph 5 on reverse of form 8624-B covering electric current, which is also carried on form 8624-A, paragraph 4, as follows:

"It is understood that the rates submitted in accordance with this proposal shall be, in the case of public utilities, subject to any changes, increases, or decreases ordered or approved by the State Public Service or Utilities Commission or which may be required under an amended franchise or as may be decided by the courts; and in the case of municipalities subject to any changes, increases, or decreases to the public during the term of the contract, it being understood that in no case whatsoever, either in the case of public utilities or in the case of municipalities, shall the rates charged the Government exceed the rates to the public. It is understood that new schedules of rates in accordance with the terms of this paragraph shall automatically supersede the rates herein offered from the date such new rates become effective, copies of the new schedules of rates, showing the dates the same become effective, to be filed with the Department. In the event, however, of the rates herein offered being superseded during the term of the contract by higher rates, the right is reserved to revoke the contract if deemed to the best interests of the Department."

In conformity with the provisions of said paragraph, it is re-

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quested that two copies of each schedule be forwarded this office for filing with the contracts in effect.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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March 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment application of Patrick J. Kennon for refund of the amount deducted from his wages as employee of the Denver Mint, amounting to $50.57. The application has been approved by this Bureau and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Appointments, for favorable action.

Will you please direct that such documents be accompanied by a letter of transmittal in triplicate? The Bureau is obliged in each case to write transmittal letters to the Secretary when they do not accompany such documents.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
CR.

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March 24, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Application for Refund of Mr. Patrick J. Kennon is returned herewith with the information that this Bureau has been advised by the Division of Appointments that Mr. Kennon is not eligible to receive this refund, due to the fact that he is in a furlough status and has not been absolutely separated from the service.

In order to receive this refund Mr. Kennon must be separated from the service, or he must have been in a furlough status for three years.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of February 1927.

The total net value of deposits at foot on page one and top of page 2 of the gold bullion abstract has been corrected in this office from $476,803.49 to $475.506.23; the former amount includes the charges, $1,297.26. The net value of deposit No. 1202 has also been corrected on bullion abstract, to $294,126.58 the amount paid, instead of $290,126.58. The value of redeposit assay No. 148 has been corrected on abstract sheet, after verification of weight and computation, to $4,968.51 from $4,968.85, and No. 118 has been corrected to $9,922.79 from $9,922.29. It is requested that in preparation of future bullion abstract sheets no deposit consisting of two or more melts be split between two pages, such, for example, as February deposit No. 1261 consisting of melts No. 1678 to No. 1681, where melts 1678 to 1680 are on one page and melt 1681 on the next page. This will make it possible to prove each page of the abstract by horizontally considering the column totals. The unused lines near foot of page, if any, may be left blank, or lined through if desired.

The Bureau did not receive form 1026, Schedule of Collections, with your accounts for the month of February; kindly forward same. Three of the collection items on face of the regular account current are readily identified from vouchers furnished; but the surplus bullion amount consisting of two items, and proceeds of property sold consisting of four items, are not readily identified. Form 1026 has as its purpose the listing of items which appear on the account current in total.

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Vo. No. 271, Westinghouse Lamp Company, $44.45, has notations on the face and back thereof to the effect that this purchase was made under methods 2 and B, with proposals having been sent to two dealers. On the face of the purchase order appears " In accordance with Government contract ". If the purchase was made in accordance with methods 2 and B it could not have had any relation to the contract, and certification on the proposal should appear indicating that the lowest bid was accepted and the certificate "I have satisfied myself ***" should be signed. If the purchase was in accordance with the contract the schedule item numbers should be listed on the voucher, with the method of purchase being noted as 1 and A, and without attachment of proposals. The Bureau is unable to locate these lamps in the General Schedule; if suitable lamps were not listed in the Schedule their purchase in the open market would be justifiable. The voucher with all attached papers is enclosed for such correction as is necessary.

The total amount paid, on the schedule of disbursements, has been changed in the Bureau to read $15,239.00 instead of $15,239.10.

Relative to the contract for sweeps sale, the papers evidencing the agreement are being forwarded the General Accounting Office for filing as contract No. T4m-13, per your numbering. The vouchers evidencing transactions under that agreement will be filed with the February account; these vouchers should not have carried the contract number in upper right hand corner, which gives the impression that they are considered a part of the contract, but should have carried the contract number elsewhere, as a reference to the authority for the terms of the transactions.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I am returning the proposals inclosed in your letter of March 24th, covering a miscellaneous lot of special tool steel.

While the total of the bid of the Crucible Steel Company of America is the lowest, the individual items covering drill rods are higher than those of Hendrie & Bolthoff M. & S. Co., and it will be necessary for you to split the award in order to purchase the individual items at the lowest rate.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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March 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter received today through the Secretary of the Treasury from the Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Commission relative to Mr. Harry M. O'Connell, a former employee at your Mint. For your reference and convenience I am inclosing copies of letters from you covering Mr. O'Connell's retirement from the service. It would appear from these letters that Mr. O'Connell was not furloughed, but "dropped without prejudice" on account of ill health.

In advising this Bureau in regard to this case, please return the inclosures.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$15,000.
Contingent Expenses	5,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint,

P. F.

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April 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co., $56.29, covering freight charges on sleeves, aprons, anode bags, mitts and sacks, from Philadelphia to Denver, on January 24 and February 4, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 4th, you are authorized to purchase from Maurice A. Knight certain cylindrical jars and conical pots for the use of the refinery of your Mint at a cost of $375.50, this being the lowest of three bids received.

The proposals inclosed in your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 5th, you are authorized to purchase from the Mine & Smelter Supply Company one ton of Borax Glass at $15. per Cwt., this being the lowest of four bids received.

The proposals sent with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your statement of appropriation transactions for the month of March has been received. There does not appear thereon any encumbrances as having been set up for the month in question relative to your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year. The indications are that such encumbrances should have been reported in view of the fact that without same the total encumbrances reported as having been liquidated exceed those reported as having been set up. Statement is herewith returned for the insertion thereon of the item in question.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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April 9, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 6th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Balbach Metals Corporation to purchase 23 sacks, approximately 2221 pounds, of refinery concentrates, the approximate proceeds of this sale to be $744.00, this being the higher of two proposals received of five asked.

It is suggested that this matter be checked up, as the Balbach proposal stated that shipment was to be made within sixty days of the date of same which was December 22, 1926.

The papers inclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of April 7th in regard to chromium plating, please be advised that we have had this matter under consideration for about six months. The Bureau of Standards first plated several pairs of dies and collars. The collars were a great success, but the dies were not. We have not, however, given up. We are now having experiments made at the Frankfort Arsenal near Philadelphia, and we are also putting in a plant at the Philadelphia Mint which will enable us to plate almost anything we want. We think that this plating can be used in such places as fingers of the coining press, cams, and places where there is a great deal of wear. As soon as these experiments are satisfactory, we will let you know and give you the benefit of our tests.

I noticed an article in the Denver Post of the 6th in regard to the watchmen. This item speaks of the millions of dollars in the institution, and also mentions the fact that we have seven guards watching it. This kind of publicity is strictly against the rules of the Department, and might cause us serious trouble, if noticed. Please try and avoid all possible publicity as to Mint matters.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your letter of April 6th, inclosing a report by Mr. Moessner and also an order for baskets, weights, etc., has been received, and the order will be turned over to the Philadelphia Mint.

It may be some time before this order can be completed, as the work is slow and the Department making these parts is busy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 31st in regard to the $100.00 minimum on deposits, the law says that we may refuse deposits of a less value than $100.00. The Superintendents and Assayers in Charge have been allowed discretion in changing this minimum a number of times. In each case the discretion was abused, and deposits were accepted as low as $2.00 and $3.00.

If the minimum were put at $50.00, there would be the same clamor for a reduction.

In particular cases where you know the origin of the gold and it is original, (by that I mean not old jewelry), you will be allowed reasonable leeway, but this should not be carried too far and it should not be advertised.

When a deposit is made of less than $100.00 and you feel you should accept it, a letter should be written to the depositor explaining the the circumstances and he should be told that in future you would not accept less than $100.00 worth.

I am returning herewith the letter written to you by the President of the First National Bank of Missoula, Montana.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $2.04, covering freight charges on coinage dies Philadelphia to Denver, March 10, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, $2.23, covering freight charges on empty sacks, Omaha to Denver, 3/12/27, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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April 15, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of April 12, regarding appropriation transactions for March has been received. In regard to the second paragraph relative to voucher for $49.08, Salaries and Wages, 1927, unpaid salary to Peter Kiedinger, deceased, please be advised that this voucher was forwarded to the General Accounting Office March 1, 1927, for settlement. The Bureau has received from the General Accounting Office official notice of settlement of the item, No. 0150256-T, dated April 2, 1927. In view of the above it is requested that this item be eliminated as "encumbrances unliquidated" from your April statement of appropriation transactions.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P/ F.

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April 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of April 13th concerning the new gas and electric current rates and notes the agreement of the Public Service Company to continue the old rates, since they are lower than the new, during the remainder of the current fiscal year; this is satisfactory to this office.

It is also noted that rate 10 will be applicable instead of rate 11 for electric current used for power. Since the schedules which accompanied your letter of March 22nd have already been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, it will be necessary for you to forward two copies of rate 10 schedule in order that the General Accounting Office may be able to verify the statement that the old rates are lower than the new. On receipt of the rate 10 schedule, one copy will be forwarded to the General Accounting Office together with the letter of the Public Service Company, dated April 8th, containing their agreement to continue the old rates for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.S.

April 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find your stores requisition on form 2162, for stationery supplies necessary during the six months ending September 30, 1927, with request that it be reviewed, and that a duplicate copy be forwarded for our files when the original is returned.

The statement immediately preceding the tabulation, calling for the number of employees using stationery, seems to indicate that all your workmen use stationery - is this correct? Some of the quantities seem to be excessive, when the period of use covered by the requisition is considered. For example; 2 dozen sponge cups; 8 dozen rubber ink-erasers; 2 dozen steel erasers; 1 dozen homas; 24 square glass ink stands; 3 dozen rulers; 2 dozen glass paper weights. The data concernig pencils is not clear, but apparently calls for 36 dozen each of the first two items, 2 dozen of the third item, and 4 dozen copying pencils. Four dozen penholders are also requested. Concerning pins, please be advised that these are no longer furnished unless requisition is accompanied by a statement that pins are used for filing purposes.

Concerning the cloth-lined envelopes requisitioned - in view of the fact that such envelopes are very expensive, explanation is requested concerning the necessity therefor, including purpose for which used. If the cloth-lined envelopes are to be furnished, please give date when they will be needed, as it is desirable that a single requisition be placed by the Bureau for all sizes required, for the entire Mint Service, because such envelopes have to be specially manufactured, and it is more economical to include the entire quantity required on a single requisition.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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April 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Last page of the March bullion account current is herewith returned for amendment as to payment for mutilated coins - part to vendors and the remainder to the Treasury.

Schedule of collections is returned for amendment to show total seigniorage accrued, with deduction of amount deposited in the special deposit account.

The total of the charges column on bullion abstract sheet No. 2, also the amount carried forwarded to sheet No. 3, has been changed to read $1,865.39, the correct amount, instead of $1,865.34.

Voucher No. 297 in favor of the Chicago Crucible Co. carries notations, over the certification of the vendor, apparently made at the mint, as to shortage of quantity, also of discount taken. Changes should not be made over the signature of vendor; the right-hand column is provided for such notations as are required.

As regards Vo. No. 296 in favor of Public Service Co. of Colorado, for February gas, electric light and power, paid at the old rates, it is noted that the new rates, effective February 15th, are lower for gas, but apparently higher for electricity. Doubtless the General Accounting Office will take the position that, a lower rate being available for gas, such rate may not be exceeded; while if the contractor is willing to grant a continuance of the lower old rate on electric current the Government is willing to accept that benefit. Also, if meter readings were not taken as at the effective date of the new rates, a mutually agreeable

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adjustment of quantity at each rate should be made.

Vo. No. 289, Keuffel & Esser Co., Hoboken, N.J., covers one roll 42" tracing cloth at $14.44. The General Schedule contractor is the same as the payee of above voucher, and as the article purchased is identical with item 1716 (d) at $12.60 per roll it is requested that refund of $1.84 less delivery charges Hoboken to Denver, representing the difference as paid on voucher and the price as recorded in the catalogue, be made into the Treasury.

Vo. No. 77 in favor of the American Railway Express Co., is returned for amendment; its approval must be by the Superintendent or Acting Superintendent, not by the Chief Clerk.

It is noted that the bar charge on deposit No. 1447 is at the rate of 9¢; apparently the depositor was entitled to a bar at the 7¢ rate unless he requested the smaller sizes, the amount payable in gold being about $476.

Apparently the parting and refining charges on deposit No. 1420, made by Goldoft Shoe Co., El Paso, Texas, should be at the rate of ½¢ instead of 1¢ per ounce, making an overcharge of $2.82.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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April 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of April 18th in regard to 1¢ bronze pieces of 1922, I have taken this matter up with the Philadelphia Mint, and they assure me that they have known for some time that the Denver Mint has no more of those coins, and they had not or will not refer any more inquiries to your Mint for any coins, as all coins are now supposed to be distributed by the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your recent requisition for cloth-lined envelopes, please be advised that none of the other Mint Service institutions have requested cloth-lined envelopes this spring.

In view of the high cost of such envelopes and the fact that valuables, such as your letter indicates are to be mailed in the requested cloth-lined envelopes, are usually registered, thus giving such letters special handling, it is suggested that a trial be given of heavy brown kraft envelopes in lieu of the cloth-lined envelopes. The kraft envelopes are commonly used in shipping registered valuables. With this proposal in view, the Bureau will order a supply of kraft envelopes 3-5/8 x 8-3/8, with the suggestion that if their use does not prove satisfactory after a trial, report may be made of any unsatisfactory results, with renewal of requisition for the cloth-lined envelopes. This size of envelope will contain a considerable sum of paper currency in addition to small amount of coin.

The specifications for kraft envelopes call for double the strength of ordinary manilla envelopes and cost approximately twice as much as manilla envelopes, while the cloth-lined envelopes cost from fifteen to twenty times as much as kraft envelopes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, April 30, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Temporary appointment as Guard of S. J. White authorized.

Grant
Director.

R. J. G.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of the Mint 1927.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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April 30, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 27th, you are authorized to purchase from the Wensley Metal Products Company, two tons of high grade commercial slab zinc at $7.25 per cwt., this being the lowest of three bids received of four bids asked.

The proposals inclosed in your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of the following sums for meeting expenses during the current fiscal year:

Salaries and Wages - - - - $13,200.00
Contingent Expenses - - - 5,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of April 28th concerning items pertaining to your March accounts.

Concerning the difference on Keuffel & Esser's voucher, please be advised that while certain materials are listed in the General Schedule of Supplies for obligatory purchase by field institutions, all materials therein listed are available, under paragraph 12 on page 14, when it is in the interest of the Government that purchases be made from the General Schedule contractors, of articles contracted for. When purchases are made from General Schedule contractors it is not permissible to pay higher prices than those contained in the contract.

Concerning the overcharge for parting and refining on deposit No. 1420, Goldoft Shoe Company, please be advised that the matter may be allowed to stand unless and until the depositor named makes another deposit, in which case the charges accruing on such deposit may be reduced by the amount of this overcharge. If the refund is made, notation should be made on or with the assay report, by which the matter may be traced and the overcharge on the present deposit verified.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.S.

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May 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $1.07, covering express charges on obverse dollar dies, Philadelphia to Denver, March 19, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

May 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 2nd, you are authorized to purchase from M. L. Foss the material listed below at a total cost of $354.68, less 2% 30 days, this being the lowest of three bids received:

Cold Rolled (Hard) Sheet Copper

2	Sheets	52" x 96"	x	1/8"
4	"	30" x 96"	x	3/32"
4	"	30" x 96"	x	1/16"
4	"	30" x 96"	x	1/32"
2	"	30" x 96"	x	1/64".

The proposals inclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of May 9th, I wish to thank you for your promptness in attending to the broadcasting announcement. Undersecretary Mills is writing to you today on the same subject.

In my rush to get your letter mailed, the date was indicated as the 24th instead of the 10th. My mistake. Fortunately, you had Mr. Mills' letter to go by.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co., $16.43, covering freight charges on fire mitts and anode bags, Philadelphia to Denver, February 9th and 19th, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your report of coins received for melting during the month of April, 1927, it is noted that same includes coins received from Federal Reserve Banks and branches during the months of January, February and April, which have not been previously reported. Is there any reason why such coin should not be included on each monthly report of mutilated coin received for melting.

These reports are used in making the published monthly estimates of the coin in circulation in the United States, and it is desired to include in the computations any material amounts, such as are given in the present report, as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

May 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of April 1927.

In the account "Coin for Recoinage" on page 4 of the bullion account current correction has been made on the "credit" side, as follows: The "Silver (recoinage value)" has been changed from $12,218.20 to $12,218.10, while the silver reimbursable loss on recoinage has been changed from $1,783.10 to $1,783.20.

Kindly forward to accompany your accounts, copy of your letter of acceptance of the offer of the Colorado Iron & Metal Company, for the old rolls and scrap iron, the proceeds of which appear on the regular account current to the amount of $33.47. Information is also requested as to reason for the long interval between the time of soliciting bids and the consummation of the sale, practically a year passing in the meantime.

The value of redeposit bar, assay number 261, has been changed on the abstract sheet to read $6,856.68 instead of $6,956.68; the former is correct according to computation and the total of the sheet.

The net value of deposit No. 1590, $261.53, has been inserted on the abstract sheet, in the Bureau, the same having been omitted on the abstract sheets as submitted.

In regard to the preparation of the bullion abstract sheets it is requested that the erasures be made more thoroughly before

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new figures are substituted. There are many instances on this months sheets where it is difficult to decipher the correct figures owing to the fact that erasures were not thoroughly made before correcting.

Voucher No. 323 covers one 2-line rubber stamp procured at a cost of 64¢ from The Sacks-Lawlor Co., Inc. Rubber stamps are among the items included in the General Schedule contracts, for the field services - see item No. 1354, the cost of which for a 2-line stamp is 16¢. It is probable that the General Accounting Office will require refund of the difference to the Treasury, as in a similar New York Assay Office case.

Following is illustration of method of stating payroll column totals, recently prescribed by the General Accounting Office; please use same in future.

	Gross amt. earned	Deductions: Retirement	Deductions: Other	Net amount paid	
Net amount chargeable to appropriation	12995.24	427.65	16.00	12,551.59	
				16.00	Collections
				427.65	Retirement
				12,995.24	Total approved.

Note the double under-score on first column and the designations to be given. When the "Other Deductions" are treated in this manner they will represent expenditures from the salaries and wages appropriation and should be taken up in the accounts as receipts; an example would be a deduction from payroll funds of an overpayment made to an employee on travel account reimbursement. Where the "Other

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Deductions" represent merely temporary non-payment of earned compensation they should not be taken into the last money column and be approved for payment; such approval will appear on the special voucher when actual payment is made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 20, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 5¢, covering insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of April, 1927. The rate 4 1/4 cents per $1000, is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage. In view of the small amount of this voucher, should you consider it desirable, it is sugguested that payment be withheld until such time as a payment for a greater amount is necessary.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In arranging for the annual settlement at the respective institutions, I would like to have one of your men for Philadelphia and one of your men for San Francisco.

I propose to make Mr. Quirk, the Assayer in Charge at this Office, Chairman at Philadelphia, and I would like a good man to assist at that point.

It is my intention to make Mr. Wagor Chairman at San Francisco, and I would like to have one of your men there.

In order that transportation orders may be sent out promptly, kindly notify me what rate these men wish, i. e., whether they prefer the $6.00 or $7.00 per diem allowance.

As the time is somewhat short, I wish you would telegraph me the names and rates.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your recommendation that Mr. J. C. Wells, Superintendent of the Coining Department, sign official papers in the absence of yourself and the Chief Clerk is approved.

I am inclosing blanks for specimen signature and signature cards. Please have Mr. Wells fill these out, and return them to this Bureau to be filed in the Treasurer's Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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May 28, 1927.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Responding to your request of May 25, 1927, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Midvale Company, amounting to $102, for a set of two rolls for the small rolling mill in the Assay Department, it being understood that this is the most advantageous of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Proposals.

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May 28, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Responding to your request of May 25, 1927, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Hendrie and Bolthoff M. & S. Company to supply your Mint with certain attachments for the Rivett Eight-Inch Lathe, at a cost of $179.25, it being understood that this is the most advantageous bid received.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Proposals.

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May 31, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of May 24th, inclosing the resignation of Mr. John Hurd. As Mr. Hurd was separated from the Service without prejudice on March 17, 1925, his resignation is not necessary. I have to request that a new transmittal letter to accompany Form 3 R 6, "Application for refund", be forwarded in which no mention of Mr. Hurd's resignation should be made.,

All of the papers in this matter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 31, 1927.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a list of material on hand at the United States Assay Office at Deadwood which the Assayer in Charge at that institution has been instructed to ship to you.

The material will be sent to you without cost other than that of the freight charges.

It is possible, of course, that some of these supplies on hand at the Deadwood Office may have been consumed since this list was made up in February, but the quantity to be sent to you will be approximately in accordance with the inclosed list.

I would suggest that you estimate as closely as possible the amount of the freight charges on this material in order that you may retain in your contingent fund a sufficient balance to meet this expenditure.

There is no way this Bureau can make a closer estimate of the volume of the shipment than you can.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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June 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$11,800.
Contingent Expenses	5,000.
	16,800.

Please note that the advance under salaries and wages is $400 less than the amount requested in your letter of May 25, 1927. This is due to the fact that there is not a sufficient amount available without using a portion of the reserve of $1500. If the amount advanced will not meet your payroll requirements please advise the Bureau at once, stating the additional amount needed, as closely as practicable, with reasons, which should be convincing to the Budget Officer, to support a Bureau request for release of the funds from the reserve.

Respectfully,

Chas. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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June 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co., $17.79, covering freigh charges on sweeps sacks and covers for machines, March 31, 1927, Philadelphia to Denver, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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June 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RR. Co., $32.85, covering freight charges on coin bags, Philadelphia to Denver, March 19, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, June 3, 1927.

Oscar Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Wells should sign as Acting Superintendent.

C'Reilly
Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

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June 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

It is noted that you are still carrying a cash balance under your 1926 contingent appropriation, also that there is an unliquidated encumbrance against the same appropriation of $150.00. It is requested that effort be made to liquidate this item during the current month and that any remaining unexpended cash balance under the 1926 contingent appropriation be repaid into the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

June 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $1.58, covering express charges on coinage dies, Philadelphia to Denver, 4/27/27, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. I.

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June 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from the minor coinage profits bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows.

K/5/4459 Denver to Dallas $5,000.00 cents $160.87

Respectfully,

T. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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June 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., 62¢, covering express charges on assay weights, Denver to Washington, 4/29/27, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WHERE WRITTEN:

DAY LETTER

Washington, June 10, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Position Assistant Assayer New Orleans vacant June fifteenth (stop) Please have Malmstrom communicate with Cecil T. Gray, Victor, offering him position at twenty-one hundred dollars per annum (stop) Advise by wire today if possible if Gray will accept and when he can report for duty.

Grant
Director

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128

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June 10, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 7th concerning receipt of Oliver Typewriter ribbons 7/16 inch wide instead of 9/16 inch wide as ordered, I have to advise that the narrow ribbons be returned to the Bureau of Supply, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. A requisition is being forwarded to the Bureau of Supply for the wider ribbons which will have to be specially purchased, which may take two or three weeks' time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, June 11, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Referring letter June eighth authorized accept General Lead Manufacturing Company's bid.

Grant
Director.

A.J.G.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123

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June 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 6th requesting 1,000 forms each No. 1035 and 1035-A, Continuation Sheet for Public Vouchers for Purchases, etc.

Your explanation of need for these forms is not thoroughly understood but presumably refers to data like that appearing on the enclosed sheet of regular voucher form No. 1034. If this is the case, evidently form No. 1034 can be used to the exclusion of form No. 1035, for Parcel Post coin shipments, which would result in a material saving, since form No. 1034 must be used in conjunction with form No. 1035 when the latter is used.

It is noted that you indicate only 100 each on hand of forms No. 1035 and 1035-A; the Bureau records indicate that 200 each were forwarded and that 1,000 each of form No. 1034 and 1034-A were forwarded.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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June 15, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to Supplement No. 1 of General Accounting Office Regulations No. 43, dated June 3, 1927, copy of which was recently mailed you.

Question has been presented as to whether a separate series of voucher numbers for the Regular Account, for the Minor Coinage Metal Account, and for the Special Deposit Account, should be continued as heretofore. The answer of the General Accounting Office is that these separate series should be continued. The above mentioned Supplement will affect the Mint Service only when the incumbent of the position of Superintendent, or of Assayer in Charge, changes during a fiscal year, when voucher numbers for each account rendered by the new incumbent will begin with number one.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of the Mine and Smelter Supply Company to furnish your Mint with 2000 lbs. of Borax Glass at 15¢ per lb., less 2% for payment within ten days.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

OR

Enclosures:

Proposals.

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June 21, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau has been asked, in connection with the request of Joseph Hurd for refund, for the full address of the gentleman. Will you please let us know.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher covering insurance on shipments during May of minor coinage to the value of $2,000.00 at 4½¢ per thousand, $0.08, payable from the Profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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June 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 20th together with multigraphed samples of vouchers which you propose using. These are satisfactory with the exception that for vouchers payable from the minor coinage profits the designation on line opposite the printed word "Appropriation" should be the heading of the column of the Special Deposit Account Current in which the expenditures will be entered; in this case "Minor Coinage Profits". While your Special Deposit Account consists only of minor coinage profits, it will be noted that there are two subdivisions of the Special Deposit Account as used in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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P.S.- Five hundred copies each of Standard Voucher forms No. 1055 (white and yellow) have been ordered for you.

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June 25, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following items pertain to your accounts for the month of May.

The net value of deposit No. 1669, as shown on first sheet of Bullion Abstract, has been corrected in this office from $532,-798.63 to $530,798.63. The total of the last column on page 2 of the abstract sheet, and the amount carried forward to page 3, have been corrected from $671,929.77 to $679,929.77.

Public voucher No. 369 in favor of Egyptian Lacquer Mnfg. Co. for $9.65 is returned herewith for further consideration with request that the accompanying papers be made more consistent. The proposal forms indicate that bids for propriatary articles were invited from the Egyptian Lacquer Mnfg. Co., while proposals submitted to other concerns called for the propriatary articles "or equal". The statement of the Superintendent of Machinery attached to the voucher seems to indicate that only the propriatary articles would meet your requirements, although this is negatived by having asked for bids on "or equal" articles. This statement gives no basis - such as the results of tests - for the expressed opinion that the articles bid upon by others than the Egyptian Lacquer

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Mnfg. Co. would prove unsatisfactory. If you wished to maintain that only the proprietary articles would meet your requirements, bids should not have been invited for other than the proprietary articles, and convincing explanations should have been made of the reasons for taking such position. When low bids are not accepted their rejection must be supported by real reasons rather than by unsupported statements of opinion.

Voucher No. 385 is for 2 tons of slab zinc paid for from the contingent appropriation. There is nothing to indicate the use to which this zinc is to be put, but it was presumed at the time authority was given for its purchase that it was for minor coinage. Should payment have been from the minor coinage metal fund?

On the Bullion Account Current, under heading "Enclosures" the following items have been added:

Schedule of prior deposits paid in May.
Schedule of advances outstanding May 31st.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-G
Encl.

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June 25, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 21st concerning an advisory note on the report of the General Accounting Office settlement of your February bullion account, as to the price paid for silver contained in gold deposits.

It is noted that you are paying the New York official quotations less the fraction of a cent of the day on which the deposit is received. All the other Mint Service institutions are paying the New York official quotations less the fraction of a cent of the day prior to the receipt of the deposit, in conformity with the Bureau's telegram of October 20, 1917, sent to all Mint Service institutions, of which the following is a copy:

> "Effective October twenty-third pay for silver partings at New York official rate less the fraction of cent, using quotation of previous day. If you do not receive New York quotation daily advise me.
> (Signed) Baker. Director."

Reference to our files shows that the Liberty Bell Mining Company's case pertains to the deposits received about 1913 to 1915, while the above mentioned telegram is dated October 20, 1917. If you have any specific authority from the Bureau to pay the price of the current day instead of the prior day, please forward the Bureau a copy

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thereof, otherwise please pay in future the price of prior day less the fraction of a cent, as per the telegram above mentioned.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 27, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized accept Bristol proposal pyrometer with fittings.

GRANT
Director.

R.J.B.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

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June 27, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Proposals forwarded with your letter of June 23rd, covering supplies to be furnished your institution during the fiscal year 1928, are returned herewith. You are authorized to accept the lowest bids in each instance and enter into informal contracts covering same.

In this connection it is suggested that Abstract of Agreement, Standard Form 1036, could well be used in support of these contracts. It will be noted that the Abstract of Agreement carries certificate that the lowest bids were accepted, thus making it unnecessary to forward the unaccepted proposals. Method of use of Standard Form 1036 was illustrated on sample form accompanying the Bureau circular leter of April 1, 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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June 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Appropriations for meeting the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, have been apportioned as follows:

Salaries and Wages.		Contingent Expenses.
$39,360.00	1st Quarter	$12,000.00
39,000.00	2nd "	10,000.00
39,000.00	3rd "	10,000.00
39,000.00	4th "	12,000.00
350.00	Reserve	6,000.00
$156,710.00	Total	$50,000.00

These apportionments have been approved by the Treasury Budget Officer, and must be strictly adhered to; and obligations must not be created during any quarter in excess of the apportionments therefor including unexpended balances, if any, carried forward from previous-quarter apportionments, in advance of the issue of waiver by the Budget Officer, except in emergency involving loss of life or public property.

If conditions arise which would warrant the modifying of these apportionments, explanation of the reasons should accompany your request to this Bureau for such modification, and no obligations should be created in anticipation of such modification.

Quarterly reports covering obligations created, etc., should be continued during the fiscal year 1928, as per directions now in effect for such reports pertaining to the fiscal year 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of the following sums for meeting expenses during the current fiscal year; 1928;

Salaries and Wages - - - -	$13,200.00
Contingent Expenses - - -	4,000.00
	17,200.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir: Bureau of Standards Test Number 50549.

Referring to your letter of April 29, 1927, transmitting 5 sets of Mg. weights and 5 sets of gold assay weights made of platinum wire (except units 1, 2, 3 and 5, which are of aluminum), I am forwarding the weights under separate cover, and I am inclosing the certificate of the Bureau of Standards showing the results of the testing of the weights.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, July 7, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Have settlement officers left? Need Probey here.

Grant
Director.

A. J. L.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1928.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, July 7, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Due to some salary increases being arranged do not fill Connors' place for present.

Grant
Director.

A.J.G.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1928.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

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July 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has, under date of July 6, 1927, approved the promotions of the following named members of your staff in the amounts indicated:

		From		To
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent	---	$5200	-	$5400
Oscar Hinrichs, Chief Clerk	---	3000	-	3300
John C. Wells, Supt of Coining Dept	---	3000	-	3300
Benj. M. Phillips, Cashier	---	2800	-	2900
H. J. Denola, Bookkeeper	---	2400	-	2500
Rodney E. Hall, Asst Assayer	---	2500	-	2600
Edward P. Leech, Asst Cashier	---	2150	-	2200
Ernest F. Moessner, Scale Repairer	---	2191	-	2500

These increases have been made without changing the grade to which the positions were assigned in 1924. The changes have been made in such positions (exclusive of clerks) as have but one person in the grade. It is felt that opportunity arises throughout the year, through resignations, retirements or separations, to permit the clerks to be advanced in salary. The changes here approved will bring into greater harmony the salaries paid at the major offices of our service.

The matter was not submitted to you for consideration previous to the names being sent to the Secretary for the reason that it seemed important to have the promotions become effective on July 16th in order to carry them in the Budget at these new rates for the fiscal year 1928.

It is realized that you are at present using your full amount for salaries and wages but I am sure that during the year through separations, retirements or resignations you will be able to conserve a sufficient amount of the fund for salaries and wages to permit these increases.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

P. S. No oaths required.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, July 8, 1927.

F. H. Chaffin
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Referring telegram July seventh leave approved.

Grant
Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1928.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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July 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Immediately upon the resumption of coinage, which I expect will be about the middle of this month, will you please proceed with the coinage of double eagles to full capacity on the 8 hour basis. The Bureau will make every effort to give you instructions as far as possible in advance of any change in this program.

If you find it practicable in connection with this coinage, please make nickels.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Herewith please find original and one copy of approved acceptances on contracts Nos. T4m-15 to 21 inclusive, pertaining to the fiscal year 1928. Please note that the acceptance, also abstract of agreement, pertaining to contract for hauling has been corrected as to price on the first item, the minimum price being 75¢ as per proposal, instead of 50¢.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint

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July 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows.

K-5-5090, 5-28-27, Denver to Salt Lake City, Utah	$2,000 cents	$55.42
K-6-6636, 6-8-27, Denver to Dallas, Texas.	5,000 cents	160.87

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

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July 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Referring to our letter of July 5th, recommending to the Secretary certain promotions in your Mint, a copy of which letter with the approval of the Secretary was sent you, please note that the Scale Repairer was carried on the per annum basis of $2300. This is equivalent to $7.35 per diem, and it is understood that this is the per diem rate at which you will carry Mr. Moessner.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills, chargeable to your 1927 contingent appropriation, have this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

Chicago, Bur. & Quincy RR Co.	Bullion scales & parts	D'wood to Denver	5/3/27	$8.68
do	Anode bags	Phila to Denver	5/5/27	
	Abrasive cloth	Chicago to Denver	4/28/27	17.57
Penna. RR Co.	Copper Concentrates	Denver to Newark	4/22/27	67.63
American Ry. Ex. Co.	Dies	Phila to Denver	6/10/27	1.75

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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July 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of June 1927.

In regard to postage items on vouchers, in payment for various supplies purchased from General Supply contractors, see vouchers Nos. 399, 412 and 413, it is requested that future similar vouchers be supported by that portion of the wrapper in which the supplies were received, which contains the address and cancelled stamps.

Proposal attached to Vo. 417, Hendrie & Bolthoff, $5.68, is herewith returned for the signature of the Superintendent in the certificate "I have satisfied myself ****".

Two different editions of the regular account current form (#1019) were used for preparing the June original and carbon copy. Since the miscellaneous receipt items occupy different relative positions on the two editions it is suggested that your stock be inspected and that the old edition be used separately from the new until the old stock is fully exhausted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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July 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau as promptly as possible the following information for use in the Secretary's Office:

The average time taken to make final payments on deposits of gold bullion, stating separately the time taken for deposits of about $500,000., $1,000,000., and over $1,000,000.

You will, of course, notice that the average time has been requested. It is very important to the interests of the Department to have this information as accurate as possible.

The Bureau will appreciate it if you will expedite this information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and wages	$13,200.
Contingent expenses,	5,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. r.

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August 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find two copies of approved contracts with The Public Service Company of Colorado for furnishing gas, electric light, and electric power during the current fiscal year.

Please return the original of acceptance for light and power after indicating thereon whether the power supply is of direct or alternating current.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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August 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 34¢, covering insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of June. The rate 4¼¢ per $1000. is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. r.

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August 10, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

K-7-6410, July 5, 1927, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents . . . . . $ 160.87
K-7-6409, June 25, 1927, Denver to Oklahoma City, Okla.
$2,000 in cents 58.19

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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August 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

In one of Mr. Grant's letters I believe he said you were to start on gold on August 1st.

The Treasurer's Office is already beginning to draw heavily on you for quarter dollars and dimes.

In order to release your facilities to the coinage of subsidiary and minor I would suggest that you discontinue gold as soon as practicable and until you have accumulated a stock of subsidiary and minor.

It is understood by the Secretary's Office that you will not be able to place the facilities of your Mint on gold for any length of time.

If you have already started rolling gold, please use your own judgment in running out what you can, and then turn to subsidiary and minor exclusive of gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of August 15th.

It is understood that the coinage program, as outlined in a letter to the Director of the Mint on July 19th, will require approximately 700,000 ounces of silver and that your present stock of refined silver is only about 300,000 ounces.

I am inclosing a formal letter of authority for you to purchase silver.

It is understood, in accordance with our letter of August 11th, that you are to discontinue gold, and coin subsidiary and minor until further advised.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to invite proposals from the following named firms to furnish your Mint with 500,000 ounces of fine silver for subsidiary coinage:

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street, New York, N. Y.
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company,
1022 Crocker Building, San Francisco, Calif.

In inviting proposals, please ask that the quotations include delivery to the Mint building.

You are at liberty, of course, to add to the above list if you so desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your annual report, will you please state the quantity, in troy ounces, of each kind of minor coinage metal purchased during the fiscal year?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

August 22, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Re purchase silver wire in code synopsis bids with recommendation.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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August 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 5¢, covering insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of July 1927. The rate of 4 1/5 cents per $1,000, is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

August 24, 1927.

Honorable R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Hathaway writes you approve move to new building preference buying old building (stop) Please wire today confirmation (stop) Everything perfectly alright here.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

August 24, 1927.

Superintendant
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Authorined accept American Metal Company's bid silver.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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August 31, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of July 1927.

One copy of the regular account current is herewith returned with request that it be amended in accordance with pencil notations thereon.

The amount of $6,149.00 in the "Disbursement" column, opposite Salaries and Wages appropriation heading, should not appear as no vouchers support the claim for credit. Presumably this represents payroll disbursements for the first half of July, and the roll will accompany your August accounts. Attention is therefore invited to the reverse of the account current form, "Analysis of Balance due the United States" where the amount has been noted in pencil opposite "Deferred credits-Salary payments". All items entered on the face of the account current must be supported by vouchers.

It is requested that a statement of minor metal wastage, similar to the one forwarded for gold and silver, be forwarded to the Bureau, one copy for the General Accounting Office and the other for Bureau files. These statements are in lieu of form 213, use of which will be discontinued.

Vouchers Nos. 1,9,14,15,22, 27 and 28, all payable to the postmaster, have been changed in the Bureau in regard to the "Method of or Absence of Advertising" to read "5d" instead of "5b"; the former being the more appropriate reference.

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Denver -2-.

The expenditure classification symbol on Vo. No. 6, for hauling ashes and debris, apparently should be 1375 instead of 0730, as 1375 is more specific and the service is not in line with the general character of symbol 07 items. No expenditure classification symbols were indicated on Public Moneys appropriation vouchers; these have been inserted in the Bureau. Presumably the Denver Mint is observing note 2 at foot of page 11 of the classification symbol bulletin, but it is again mentioned as one of the principal guides to be used when there is possibility of allocating an item to two or more symbols. Concerning the acid-proof stoneware, voucher No. 12, allocated to symbol 1280, repairs and alterations of equipment, presumably this should be allocated to symbol 3052, production (metal working) equipment. It is understood that replacements are not intended to be classed under master symbol 12 as they are neither repairs nor alterations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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September 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the Minor Coinage Profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/7/6788, 7-9-1927, Denver to Kansas City, Mo.
$5,000 in cents $138.36
K/7/6790, 7-5-1927, Denver to Houston, Tex.
$10,000 in nickels 125.66
K/7/6791, 7-9-1927, Denver to Houston, Tex.
$5,000 in cents 111.10
K/7/6792, 7-2-1927, Denver to Dallas, Tex.
$5,000 in cents 160.87
K/7/7112, 7-21-1927, Denver to Omaha, Neb.
$3,000 in nickels 26.05
K/7/7113, 7-20-1927, Denver to Omaha, Neb.
$1,000 in cents 24.96
K/7/7114, 7-5-1927, Denver to Omaha, Neb.
$3,000 in nickels 26.05
K/7/7115, 7-12-1927, Denver to Omaha, Neb.
$1,000 in cents 24.96

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages $13,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

September 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills have this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation, being part of Deadwood equipment.

Chicago, Bur. & Quincy RR Co.	Deadwood to Denver	6/30/27	$94.30
American Ry. Exp. Co.	do	do	10.92

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R. F.

September 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of September 2nd concerning advisory note on certificate of settlement of your account as to certification of cash balances on your account current. This matter was taken up with the General Accounting Office some days ago, and you will be later advised as to the result of same. Until that time, please continue past practice.

Respectfully,

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

While talking to Mr. Hinrichs in Denver a few days ago, I had some doubt about what was to be done with the gold coin shipped to your Mint from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

In talking the matter over with Mr. Weber of the Treasurer's Office I find that this gold will have to be checked very carefully and a claim made for any shortage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I find it necessary to offer the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Carson some assistance in reconciling her books. The matter appears to be one which can be adjusted by clearing up some apparent confusion in her mind as to the methods which should be employed in keeping accounts.

I would like to send Mr. Leech to take care of this situation; if you can spare his services and he feels that it will be possible for him to go to Carson, I shall be very much gratified.

Anticipating a favorable reply from you both I am inclosing formal travel orders together with a letter of instructions as to what should be undertaken by Mr. Leech to achieve the results we are looking for.

Will you please deliver the inclosures to Mr. Leech?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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The work to be undertaken by Mr. Leech should be the tracing of the bullion received - - bars, grains and samples - - through the records to the point of disposition to see that it goes out at the same values as we paid to the depositors.

Before starting the work Mr. Leech should become familiar with the procedure and forms prescribed by Bureau letter of June 9, 1923, to the minor Assay Offices, the new forms being effective as of July 1, 1923. Illustrated samples of forms and explanation of procedure should be available at the Carson Mint. A copy of the Bureau letter of June 9, 1923, is inclosed.

Particular attention should be paid to the Bullion Stock Book, form 952 A, and its relation to the bullion ledger, form 640.

It was thought that possibly mass melts were not producing as large values as went into same - that is, the book values. But a recent report of mass-melting results shows net gains in that work.

A new bond became effective July 1, 1925. At that time the surplus bullion on hand, per inventory, was taken into the accounts under the old bond, so that accounts and inventory were in agreement as at opening of business July 1, 1925.

Correspondence between the Bureau and the Carson Mint concerning the differences between inventories and accounts should be available at the Carson Mint.

September 9, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $1.71, covering express charges on typewriter, Deadwood to Denver, July 9, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

R. F.

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Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

September 10, 1927.

Superintendant
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

No reply received to Bureau letter August thirty-one concerning July accounts.

If not in mail please expedite.

Grant
Director.

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1928.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Assuming Mr. Leech can go to Carson, mailing transportation orders today.

Grant
Director.

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September 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is just in receipt of information from the General Accounting Office that the explanation given concerning their advisory note asking for certificate of count by two persons, of the cash belonging to the Regular Account, is satisfactory. You will, therefore, continue past practice of disregarding the blank in question on reverse of the Regular Account Current.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

September 14, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Mr. Whitaker's change designation compensation approved effective September sixteenth.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

September 16, 1927.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

DAY LETTER.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Schedule on abstract sheet and pay for silver from American Metal Company on basis of accepted tender nine ninety nine fine (stop) Then show ounces thousand fine and so take into accounts (stop) On future purchases request price per ounce thousand fine.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

September 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 14th relative to shipment No. 1 from the United States Mint at New Orleans.

Will you please advise the Bureau why it was found necessary to return for correction the invoice covering that shipment?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/8/7752, 7-28-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents $160.87

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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September 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Experimental Station of the Bureau of Mines at Salt Lake City is in need of a number of assay balances.

The Mint Bureau has a number of balances which are obsolete and not in use which, I think, would be good enough for the Bureau of Mines.

I wish you would send me a list of the balances at your Mint which could be spared, and the condition of the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

September 27, 1927.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 55¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during August 1927. The rate 4 1/5 cents per $1,000. is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

September 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/8/8227, 8-1-27, Denver to San Antonio, Tex.
$10,000 in nickels) 162.74
1,000 in cents)
K/8/8228, 7-25-27, Denver to San Antonio, Tex.
$10,000 in nickels) 162.74
1,000 in cents)
K/8/8229, 7-27-27, Denver to San Antonio, Tex.
$5,000 in nickels) 136.89
2,000 in cents)
K/8/8230, 8-8-27, Denver to San Antonio, Tex.
10,000 in nickels) 162.74
1,000 in cents)
K/8/8231, 8-17-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in nickels) 215.96
5,000 in cents)
K/8/8232, 8-20-27, Denver to Houston, Tex.
$10,000 in nickels) 236.76
5,000 in cents)
K/8/8234, 8-11-27, Denver to Oklahoma City, Okla.
$2,000 in cents 58.19

Respectfully,

N M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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October 1, 1927.

Mr. Edward P. Leech,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

My dear Mr. Leech:

Upon my return from New York this morning, I found your letter of September 24th, reporting conditions at the Carson Office, to which you attached a statement covering the inventory of bullion on hand at Carson on June 30, 1927.

I wish to thank you for the promptness with which you have accomplished this more or less unpleasant duty; and I appreciate the thoroughness with which you have made the audit, and straightened matters generally at Carson.

Again expressing my appreciation of your services covering this duty, I remain

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1927.

Honorable Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I am inclosing a personal letter, addressed to Mr. Leech, expressing my appreciation of his services in straightening out the situation at Carson.

I wish, also, to thank you for sparing Mr. Leech, and I shall appreciate it if you will hand him the inclosed letter.

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of the following sums for meeting expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages - - - - -	$13,000.00
Contingent Expenses - - - -	5,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

E-S

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October 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of August, 1927.

The alloy charge on deposit No. 219, The Golden Cycle Mining and Reduction Co., should be $3.98 instead of $5.78, an overcharge of $1.80, which amount may be refunded by deduction from charges on some subsequent deposit of the same concern, with proper notations of where error occurred.

Information is requested as to the reason the tags procured and paid for by voucher No. 31, R. Cater Ballantyne, $2.21, were not requisitioned in the usual manner through this office as is the practice for obtaining all stationery. This is not payable from your appropriation but chargeable to the Bureau of Supply, which has jurisdiction of the appropriation available therefor. Attention is invited to page 2, of the appropriation act, "Division of Supply" wherein the paragraph "Stationery" specifically cites "tags". The General Accounting Office will no doubt direct a transfer settlement for the above amount. The master expenditure symbol for this item should be 0200 instead of 0204.

Voucher No. 33, General Electric Co., $73.26, carries, with three General Schedule items, one item not on the schedule; please forward evidence of the correctness of the rate charged for the non-scheduled item, or advise where same may be found.

Abstract of Agreement accompanying voucher No. 34, H. H. Post, $6.41, is herewith returned for the signature of the Superintendent, on the reverse thereof.

Vouchers pertaining to your special deposit account are herewith returned for indication thereon of the expenditure symbol numbers.

Parcel post vouchers should be assigned expenditure symbol 0720, not 0760 which is to cover the Post Office Department expenses for transportation of the mails.

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Voucher No. 57, for dynamo oil, was assigned a fuel symbol [0233]; presumably this is a lubricant, symbol 0282.

On the Schedule of Disbursements two payrolls (July and August) were combined as a single voucher, No. 54. No voucher numbers appear in the spaces therefor on the payrolls, but since Nos. 30 and 46 are missing with no explanation therefor, and these numbers were current at the payroll periods, presumably the rolls should have been so numbered instead of being combined as No. 54. If this is correct please advise the Bureau and amendments will be made here, and on the September schedule please show voucher number 54 as having been cancelled.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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October 6, 1927.

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

When may we expect delivery one cent pieces?

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

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October 8, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing Form 3-R- 15, Application for payment of Accumulated Deductions. Will you please have the papers executed in the interest of Mr. William Bush, a former member of your staff, who dies September 14, 1927. As Mr. Bush was not retired until August 1, 1927, and died in September, his pension receipts were not equal to the amount he paid into the fund.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Regarding your appropriation statements of transactions for the fiscal year 1928, the following is noted, as having been reported by you.

1927	Enc. set up.	Enc. Liquidated.
July	1012.09	77.04
August	2601.80	1055.46
Sept.	1862.73	2550.62
	5476.62	3683.12
	Unliquidated	1783.50
		5466.62

Please note the above discrepancy and care for it in the next report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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October 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $1.75, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, August 29, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 502

October 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/9/8783, 8-23-27, Denver to Oklahoma City, Okla.
$3,000 in cents . . . . . $ 87.20
K/9/8784, 8-3-27, Denver to Omaha, Neb.
$1,000 in cents 24.96
K/9/8786, 8-31-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents 160.87
K/9/8787, 8-16-27, Denver to San Antonio, Tex.
$2,000 in cents 74.11
K/9/8572, 8-24-27, Denver to Dallas, Tex.
$5,000 in cents 160.87
K/9/8573, 8-24-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$10,000 in nickels 110.09

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-A

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October 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Exp. Co., $2.26, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, August 18, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for payment, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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October 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of Marsh & McLennan, $1.05, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of September. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000., is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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October 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Attention is invited to the following pertaining to use of forms 61-A and B, Classification of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver.

It is understood that the entire deposits of gold and silver made by the Golden Cycle Mining Co. and by the Portland Gold Mining Co., are mined in the State of Colorado, also that the deposits of the Homestake Mining Co. are wholly mined in the State of South Dakota. Such being the case, it is requested that an amended report for the July-September quarter of the current fiscal year be forwarded, and that the items in question be credited to the States in which mined, rather than shown as the product of private refineries, and that this procedure be followed in the future. The division of the form pertaining to private refineries is intended to carry only mixed bullion which cannot be assigned to the State in which mined.

Your amended report for the July-September quarter should include the refined silver purchased for subsidiary silver coin, some 500,000 ounces. As this is doubtless mixed bullion, it should be credited to the private refinery that produced the bars.

It is also requested that you advise the Bureau concerning refinery source of some 300,000 ounces refined silver procured in October 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

October 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of September 1927.

In regard to the Treasury Purchase of Silver, 500,524.08 fine ounces, at $.5498 per ounce, $275,463.61, it is requested that supporting papers be forwarded to accompany the accounts to the General Accounting Office, viz: copy of the invitation sent to the various dealers, the bid of the lowest bidder, copy of acceptance, and abstract of agreement. A purchase of this character should be supported in a manner similar to the purchase of coal, metal castings, or any other article of supply. The value of the purchase being over $1,000., the contract should be numbered and separately filed.

With reference to vouchers No. 71 and No. 78, will you please state for our information the distinction which determined assignment of expenditure symbol 0282 to sodium nitrate and symbol 0221 to potassium nitrate, both granulated.

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San Francisco -2-/

The abstract of disbursements has been amended in this office. Two Public Moneys vouchers (No. 65 and No. 69) were listed in the wrong column, and two voucher numbers were assigned to the payroll, which is a single voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

October 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of October 18th in regard to rolling mills, in talking the matter over with the Master Mechanic at the Philadelphia Mint yesterday, I find that when Mr. Baker was Director of the Mint, he ordered two rolling mills for the Denver and Philadelphia Mints. These mills were about 20% completed when work was stopped.

The Philadelphia Mint is ready to complete these rolling mills, as they have most of the castings on hand and they could probably deliver them as quickly as an outside concern. These mills are both for so-called 10 inch rolls.

I would suggest that you send your blue prints to Philadelphia so that if there are any improvements suggested, they can be used, and if you think 10 inch rolls are not large enough, please so advise me.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the amount, $13,000.00, Salaries and Wages, 1928, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Ry. Exp. Co., $2.33, covering express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, September 20, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent expenses appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/9/9028	8/31/27	Houston from Denver	$10,000	nickels	$125.66
K/9/9029	9/3/27	do do do	10,000	do	125.66
K/9/9033	8/16/27	Kansas City from Denver	5,000	cents	138.36
K/9/9037	9/10/27	Houston from Denver	10,000	nickels	
			3,000	cents	236.76
K/9/9301	9/21/27	Minn'pls. do do	10,000	nickels	110.09
K/9/9302	9/22/27	do do	5,000	cents	160.87
K/9/9307	9/12/27	Okla.City do do	2,000	do	58.19
K/9/9309	9/10/27	Dallas do do	5,000	do	160.87
K/9/9310	9/3/27	do do do	5,000	do	160.87

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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P. F.

November 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st instant, relative to your account for the month of September, has been received. In regard to the last paragraph, page 2, thereof, please be advised that the second page of Bureau letter, mentioned therein, headed "San Francisco", should have been marked "Denver" and that it is pertinent to your accounts for the month of September.

It is quoted, as follows; no reply thereto is needed.

> "The abstract of disbursements has been amended in this office. Two public Moneys vouchers (No. 65 and No. 69) were listed in the wrong column, and two voucher numbers were assigned to the payroll, which is a single voucher."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

To augment the records of this Bureau, please give us the date of birth of the following named members of your personnel:

Honorable Frank E. Shepard,
F. N. Askine,
H. S. Batchelor,
J. D. Taylor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1927.

Superintendent,
Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

5/10/9404	9/14/27	Omaha	from	Denver	$2,000 nickels	$17.38
5/10/9405	9/14/27	do	do	do	1,000 cents	24.96
5/10/9406	9/7/27	do	do	do	1,000 cents	24.96
5/10/9407	9/7/27	do	do	do	2,000 nickels	17.38

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of November 8th with accompanying revised statement of receipts of gold and silver during the July-September quarter, classified by sources.

The refined silver purchased from the American Metal Co. and shipped from their Mexican plant should have been classed on form 61-A as foreign refined bullion, which would have made use of form 61-B for the September quarter unnecessary. In this connection please note that the private-refinery section on form 61-B is intended only for the metals classed as domestic refined bullion and refinery bars on form 61-A (see * reference). This information is for your future guidance. Your report for the July-September quarter will be amended in this office.

Respectfully,

W. H. O'Reilly

P-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Complying with your request in your letter of November 9th, you are hereby authorized to invite proposals for the purchase of 80 tons of original cathode copper for delivery at your Mint for minor coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have before me a letter written November 10th by Hon. R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, to Hon. Seymour Lowman, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, complaining of heavy shipments from your Mint, stating that you are still shipping pouches weighing approximately 125 pounds.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter sent you December 2, 1926, from the Treasurer's Office on this matter, and please note the last paragraph of this letter which covers the whole situation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/10/9880, 9/26/27 , Denver to Omaha, Neb.	
$1,000 in nickels	
2,000 in cents	$58.45
K/10/9876, 9/28/27, Denver to Dallas, Tex.	
$10,000 in nickels	110.09
K/10/9877, 9/24/27, Denver to Dallas	
$ 5,000 in cents	160.87
K/10/9878, 9/10/27 Denver to Minneapolis	
$10,000 in nickels	
5,000 in cents	270.96

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

November 18, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of November 15th, stating that you would open bids on cathode copper on November 21st, will you please wire a synopsis of the bids to the Bureau with your recommendation when the bids are opened. A telegraphic reply will then be made by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928

November 22, 1928.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Authorized accept American Metal bid copper fourteen sixty-five.

Grant
Director.

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November 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
U$ Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 46¢, insurance charges on shipment of minor coin made during the month of October. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $1.22, express charges on collars, Philadelphia to Denver, October 1, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express company as follows:

K/10/10112	Denver to Houston 10/8/27 $15,000.00 in nickels	$188.54
K/10/10116	Denver to Minneapolis, 10/1/27 $ 5,000.00 in cents	160.87
K/10/10118	Denver to Okla City, 9/27/27 $ 5,000.00 in cents	145.28

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry Co., $21.78, freight charges on coin bags, Philadelphia to Denver, September 23, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor Coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/10/10363, 9-27-27, Denver to Kansas City, Mo.
$5,000 in cents $138.36
K/10/10364, 9-10-27, Denver to Kansas City, Mo.
$5,000 in cents 138.36
K/10/10366, 10-15-27, Denver to Dallas, Tex.
$10,000 in nickels 110.09
K/10/10367, 10-3-27, Denver to Dallas, Tex.
$5,000 in cents 160.87

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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December 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the amount of $13,000.00, Salaries and Wages, 1928, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Respectfully,

Mr. B. O'Keefe

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $1.68, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation. The date of the shipment was October 12th.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of October.

Kindly forward registry receipt to accompany deposit certificate No. 600, J. W. Weber, $252.86, to the General Accounting Office; same was not received with the warrant.

Deposit certificate No. 612, Jesten Mfg. Co., is herewith returned for the signature of the Superintendent.

Deposit certificate No. 716, with memorandum of bullion received and assay report of the same number are herewith returned for inspection and correction. The name on the deposit certificate reads Robert S. Harper; on the memorandum of bullion received, Robert S. Helper; and on the assay report Robert S. Halper, all different; kindly show correct name of the depositor on all the papers.

The bullion abstract sheet has been corrected in this office, as follows: Deposit No. 661, melting charge $2.90 instead of $1.90; and total charge $30.09 instead of $29.09. Page 3, total melting charge column $175 instead of $174, and total parting and refining column $2024.23 instead of $2,025.23, with corresponding corrections of the melting and parting and refining column totals carried through to the month's grand totals.

With reference to refund of alloy overcharge (deposit No. 636) notation has been made on both the assay report and the bullion

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abstract sheet (at the place where the deposit is recorded) that the correct alloy charge is $3.47, and refund for deposit No. 219 is $1.82, leaving the amount charged for alloy $1.65. Please follow this procedure in future similar cases.

It is suggested that in future, whenever you have a number of vouchers payable to the same payee at the same time, the amounts on the several vouchers be totaled and one check be drawn in payment thereof instead of a check for each individual voucher as is now the practise in paying the American Railway Express Company for shipments of minor coin.

It is suggested that expenditure symbol 0780 be assigned to insurance charges on money shipments, rather than symbol 1330; such charges are incidental tothe transportation of the money.

It is understood that Bristol instrument recording charts are engineer's supplies; if so please assign symbol 0282, even though there is no appropriate printed sub-head thereunder. Vo. No. 115, for such charts, bears a service symbol (No. 1376); No. 1380, an expense symbol, would be more appropriate than No. 1376. On several of the vouchers the expenditure symbol was incomplete; for example, 0282 read 282.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau has been having difficulty in preparing the annual budget personnel estimates, particularly the most recent ones, because of changes during the prior year in the pay rates of per-diem employees. The following is quoted from Budget Bureau Circular No. 210 dated July 5, 1927:

"The following salary ranges will be used for grouping positions in the field service:

Salary ranges:

$7,500 and over		
6,000 to $7,500;	average,	$6,750
5,200 to 6,000;	average,	5,600
4,200 to 5,000;	average,	4,400
3,300 to 3,900;	average,	3,600
3,000 to 3,600;	average,	3,300
2,700 to 3,300;	average,	3,000
2,400 to 3,000;	average,	2,700
2,100 to 2,700;	average,	2,400
1,860 to 2,400;	average,	2,100

Salary ranges - Continued.

$1,680 to $2,040;	average,	$1,860
1,500 to 1,860;	average,	1,680
1,320 to 1,680;	average,	1,500
1,140 to 1,500;	average,	1,320
1,020 to 1,260;	average,	1,140
900 to 1,140;	average,	1,020
780 to 1,020;	average,	900
600 to 780;	average,	690
420 to 600;	average,	510
240 to 420;	average,	330

"The detailed figures in each column relative to the average number of employees and average salary should agree with the total of the column, except where disagreement is occasioned by omitting odd cents when under 50 cents and increasing to $1 when 50 cents or over.

"When a position is occupied for less than a full year, the fraction should be stated decimally in tenths; fractions less than one-twentieth will be dropped and fractions one-twentieth or over will be increased to one-tenth."

It will be noted from the above quotation that each position must be assigned to one of the several salary ranges herein mentioned. The Bureau must also combine, by ranges, the positions of all the ten Mint Field Service institutions, on a comparable basis for the three years included in each budget; also, the data must be consistent within narrow limits. In view of the difficulties in compilation of the data heretofore received from the field offices, it is considered advisable that in future each of the large ones compile, from month to month, the data necessary for making up the annual budget. In

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Under to accomplish this with as little extra effort as possible it will be necessary to re-arrange the pay rolls, grouping together all of the positions that come under each sub-division of each of the several ranges, as they appear in the budget. It will then be possible to take off from each pay roll, on a card prepared for the purpose, the amounts earned by each of the several groups, with the number of days worked by each group, and at the end of the year to make computation of average number of positions employed in each subdivision of each range, also to compute the average salary for each such group.

The salary ranges prescribed by the budget circular have, for convenience, been numbered from 1 to 20. A copy of your list of positions, received with your most recent annual estimates, is enclosed herewith, carrying indication (by range number) of the range to which each position has been assigned for preparation of the current and prior budgets. These range assignments should be continued, in order that the data for the three years always under consideration in each budget may be clearly comparable. A copy of the budget personal service data for 1927 and 1928 is also enclosed for your information and guidance.

A supply of cards is being forwarded under separate cover, and herewith a sample card with entries showing method of use. A separate card will be required for each group, or subdivision, of each range. One card should be carried for all temporary employees, regardless of the rates of pay involved. The positions should be arranged on pay roll in the following order: First, by range, next, by group in the range, next, by rate of pay with the highest first, and next, alphabetically. It will probably be advisable to re-arrange the pay roll numbers of the employees in the same order that they will appear on the pay roll, leaving a few blank numbers in each range for possible increase in force.

It will also probably be advisable to indicate on the personnel card now kept for each employee, the range assigned to the position held by him. This will aid in tracing or locating items.

It is suggested that the re-arrangement of pay rolls be made effective January 1, 1928, and that when the next annual estimates are prepared for the year, they be made as nearly consistent as possible without compiling the pay-roll data for the first half of the current fiscal year, unless such compiling, at odd times between now and next July, is preferred by you and is found necessary in order to get closely consistent results for the year.

Sample of pay roll arrangement:

Range average $2,100

Senior Clerk -	
Jones, J. J.	$2,200
Brown, P. S.	2,100
Asst. Cashier -	
Lewis, L. F.	2,200
Foreman -	
Stein, M. M.	6.80
Noack, J. T.	6.76

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Skilled Workman -

Bounds, P. D.	6.80
Cahill, O. R.	6.80
Maul, R. V.	6.80
Offut, M. A.	6.80
Auld, D. F.	6.76
Lobker, L. L.	6.76

Please keep in mind that the information required by budget officers, and by Congress, is on a position basis, not on a person basis. To illustrate, one position could be held, at different periods during a year, by two or more persons, at different rates within the range to which the position belongs. Therefore, when there is a temporary vacancy in a position, such as is caused by a death or resignation of a regular employee, with the incidental time required for selecting a new person, the position should be continued on the pay roll and on these budget cards, the name-space and money-spaces on roll being left blank, and on these budget cards the days for which no payment is made being shown in the column "Pay status days deducted." Changes in positions should be shown, however, when they are permanent or semi-permanent.

When requisition is made - say in April - for next year's supply of budget cards, suggestions are invited for making them more convenient for use.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RWS
Encl.

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Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Col.

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/10/10628	10/20/27	Denver to Omaha	$2,000 in nickels	$17.38
K/10/10632	10/ 1/27	do to El Paso	$1,000 in nickels	30.15
K/10/10630	10/19/27	do to Dallas	10,000 in cents	321.73

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint

P F.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Referring to the enclosed correspondence, will you please give me the benefit of your opinion as to how we can make it evident to the Comptroller that the Coors bid is on material different in quality from that bid upon by the General Ceramics Company. On the face of the proposals they would seem to be bidding on the same material. Note also that the word "porcelain" was inadvertently omitted from the proposal sheet sent to the General Ceramics Company. This may have made no difference in the bid, as it is presumed the specifications sent the two concerns were identical. Your letter states that the Coors Porcelain Company is the only bidder offering white porcelain ware, although the proposals do not differ assfar as I can see.

I shall be glad to approve your recommendation upon return of the enclosed correspondence with supporting data.

Respectfully,

R. W. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1927.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I have your letter of the 5th relative to the renewal of your Bond. There is nothing for you to do in the matter. You do not require a re-appointment. Your commission is not for a definite date but continues at the will of the Administration. The renewal of your bond involves no formality other than that of the closing of your accounts under the existing bond and opening them anew under the new bond. When the time comes you will be instructed as to the accounts, and a blank form of bond will be sent to you in plenty of time. There is no occasion for you to take the matter up with anyone. A new bond does not mean a new appointment; it is in effect merely a renewal of your bond.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado

Your coinage program coming year covers double eagles subsidiary and minor. Wire dies needed.

Grant
Director Mint.

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Superintendent Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Treasurer badly need dimes from your Mint. Make all you can up to Christmas.

R. J. GRANT

Director Mint.

R.J.G.

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December 19, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $2.26, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, October 19, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 21, 1927.

My dear Mr. Shepard:

Once again the season gives me opportunity to express to you and the members of your organization my good wishes, and to accompany them by an expression of my very deep appreciation of your cooperation and help during the year now closing.

Under your guidance the Denver Mint has held to its traditions of good work, and of loyal support of this Department, and I am glad to avail myself of the occasion to tell you of my personal appreciation.

A happy New Year to you and each person in the Denver Mint.

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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December 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, $1.22, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of November, 1927. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Two bill of the American Railway Express Company, $1.68 each, express charges on two shipments of dies, Philadelphia to Denver, November 2 and 10, have this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Comapny as follows:

K/11/11253	10/29/27	Denver to	Kansas City	$5,000	in cents	$138.34
K/11/11247	11/ 1/27	do	Omaha	1,000	do	24.96
K/11/11530	11/ 5/27	do	Dallas	5,000	do	160.87
K/11/11533	11/18/27	do	Omaha	2,000	do	49.88
K/11/11534	11/ 9/27	do	do	2,000	do	49.88

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Delivery forty-four dimes passed.

R. J. GRANT
Director ~~[illegible]~~

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December 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of November.

Please forward duplicate copy of receipt issued for the collection for telephone service, $2.38, same being required to support the item, similar to other "Miscellaneous Receipts". Such copies of issued receipts should not carry signatures - this applies also to copies of form 518, bullion assay receipts.

The total of the last column on last page of the gold bullion abstract has been changed in the Bureau to read $1,618,796.71 instead of $1,618,797.71; the former is correct according to the other pertinent papers in the accounts.

Deposit Certificate No. 765, Receipt for Bullion and Assay Report of the same number are herewith returned for inspection and correction. The three papers are issued in the name of J. M. Chester Jewelry Co., whereas the receipt for bullion is endorsed Chester Jewelry Mfg. Co., by J.M. Chester, without giving the capacity in which he signs for the company.

It is noted that you are still carrying a large balance under the 1927 contingent appropriaton, with but a small encumbrance against same. Please inform the Bureau of the nature of this encumbrance, and if you do not anticipate its early liquidation please repay to the Treasury the 1927 contingent appropriation balance that is subject to your check. Also please follow this procedure in future.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 23, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with your recommendation you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Coors Porcelain Company to furnish your Mint with the following equipment, it being understood that this is the only firm which bid on the equipment in accordance with specifications sent to each dealer:

4 White Porcelain Rectangular Filtering vessels at $100 each.

3 White Porcelain Jars at $120 each.

8 White Porcelain Covers at $21.50 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Proposal; to be attached
to accounts.

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December 31, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In compliance with your recommendation of December 28 you are authorized to accept the proposal of the General Lead Manufacturing Company, to furnish your Mint with sheet lead at the rate of $14.40 per cwt., this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Proposals.

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Jan. 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your letter of December 29th, relative to your accounts for the month of November, has been received. In regard to the second paragraph of Bureau letter of December 22, it was requested that a duplicate copy of receipt issued (by you to the telephone company) for the collection for the telephone service, $2.38 be forwarded to the Bureau; if you issued no such receipt please forward a copy of the data on voucher check, or the phone company's letter of transmission, or other statement of the matter. The company's receipts relative to the above matter with your letter of above date, also with letter of advice for deposit of December collection, are herewith returned as they are of no use in determining the amount received or receivable by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P F

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Jan. 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to your the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$13,000.
Contingent Expenses	5,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/11/11788, 11-28-27, Denver to Salt Lake City, Utah
$3,000 in cents 83.04
K/11/11787, 10-21-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents 160.87
K/11/11786, 11-2-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents 160.87

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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Jan. 4, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RR Co., $13.51, freight charges on gloves, Philadelphia to Denver, November 1, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

B. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Since the San Francisco Mint has a material quantity of refined silver bullion available for coinage, and the Denver Mint does not, it is hereby directed that on January 13th you transfer, in your accounts, to the Mint at San Francisco from your Pittman silver account 1,262,452.65 fine ounces of silver at $1 per ounce, and transfer to your Mint 1,262,452.65 fine ounces subsidiary silver with value $770,-096.12, at 61¢ per fine ounce, San Francisco's approximate average cost, from the Mint at San Francisco. These transfers will be book adjustments only; no silver will be physically transferred from one institution to the other, and there will be no change in the combined figures of the two mints as regards the total quantity and value of silver in the subsidiary accounts and that in the Pittman accounts. The San Francisco Mint is being directed to make contra transfers of the same quantities and values.

These transfers should be recorded and reported in the same way as though the bullion were physically transferred. The Treasurer is being informed concerning them. Please file a copy of this letter with your account current, and make reference thereto in your records and on the account current.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-S

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January 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Abstract of Agreement pertaining to contract No. T4m-27 of Coors Porcelain Company, dated January 5, 1928, is returned herewith for signature of the Superintendent and return to the Bureu.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-S
Encl.

Jan. 10, 1928.

Superintendnet,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from profits on minor coinage, bill of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

K/12/12020 11/12/27 Denver to Okla.City $2,000 in cents $58.19

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. P.

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Jan. 10, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In regard to your statement of appropriation transactions for the month of December, it is noted that only one item of $1.68 is shown as having been paid whereas Bureau letter of December 21 advised that two bills, each for $1.68, were forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement on that date. Please include the unreported amount on your next statement.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Jan. 12, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of January 9th in regard to telephone collection item of $2.38 in your November accounts and $1.13/in December has been received and contents noted. With regard to such collections in future, it is requested that receipt for the amount collected, without showing method of arriving at the amount, be issued by you to the company, and that a duplicate unsigned copy be forwarded with the accounts to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., 66¢, express charges on assay weights, Denver to Washington, November 25, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

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January 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your new bond becoming effective February 1, 1928, please be advised that all balances should be shown on your January accounts current - Regular, Special Deposit, and Bullion - as being transferred to new bond, and your February accounts current should show the same balances as having been transferred from the old bond.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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January 16, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Carson reports that the hundredth weights are a trifle light. Will you please have 2 sets of the following weights prepared and sent to the Mint at Carson as soon as practicable:- .01, .02, .03, .04, .05.

Please send the weights without charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/12/12276, 11-29-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents $160.87
K/12/12279, 11-19-27, Denver to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents 160.87
K/12/12282, 12-5-27, Denver to Omaha, Neb.
$1,000 in cents 24.96

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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January 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

On your retained copy of bullion account current for the month of December, page 2, right side of depository account, please place the amount of $3443.06 opposite "charges on deposits" instead of opposite "minor coinage metal fund coin transferred to minor depositary account", to correspond with amendment made here.

The expenditure symbol number on Vo. No. 154, for fire brick, is noted as 0292; apparently it should be either 0282 or 0293.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

For R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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January 25, 1928.

Hon. Frank W. Shepard,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I have your letter of the 19th, recommending the promotion of Mr. White from $2800 to $3000.

I have considered the suggestion carefully, but do not feel that I can at this time approve the increase in Mr. White's salary. I wish you would agree to consider the matter deferred for the present. I shall be able to go into the matter with you a little later. There is no particular reason to discriminate against Mr. White, but for the present I feel that it will be better to withhold action, not only on this but upon further immediate promotions.

I have sent forward, approved, your suggestion that Mr. Blanchard be now given a long withheld increase.

Respectfully,

R. W. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 25¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of December. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Cont. Mr. Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Bond mailed today.

GRANT
Director.

January 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/12/12493	11/29/27	Denver	to Houston $2,000 in cents	$74.11
K/12/12494	12/ 7/27	do	to San Antonio $3,000 in cents	$111.10
K/12/12495	12/ 5/27	do	to Okla.City $2,000 in cents	58.19

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Superintendent Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Temporary Appointment Mr. Clark Guard approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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January 26, 1928.

ly dear Mr. Shepard:

Your letter of January 21, relative to your coinage program reached here just before the Director left for Philadelphia. He asked me to tell you that for the present it will be satisfactory to the Department if you will coin nickels and cents. The coinage of gold is going on at Philadelphia, but that is for export from the New York port. For the time being no gold will be needed from your Mint.

In regard to the $2.50 gold pieces, the Director realizes that your suggestion to coin them now is for the purpose of having them on hand for later demand. However, the Secretary's office may not undertake to have any coined this calendar year. This is for your confidential information. The few we had on hand at Christmas did not meet the demand, and therefore, created dissatisfaction, and the policy of coining enough to meet a temporary demand at Christmas has not been determined upon. It may be that half dollars will be required a little later, but you will be kept informed as to that denomination.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. M. O'Reilley

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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January 27, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR Co., $7.17, freight charges on cream tartar, Philadelphia to Denver, November 22, 1928, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 27, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 24th, please be advised that the procedure indicated in the Bureau's letter of the 16th concerning transfer from old to new bond of the balances in your account should be followed.

While revenues that have been collected under the old bond should, of course, be covered into the Treasury under that bond, a somewhat recent ruling of the Comptroller General permits transfer of funds advanced from the Treasury for meeting expenses, etc., from old to new bond; this being a reversal of former procedure.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

It is requested that in future, all shipments of bullion and coin made at Government expense, including pyx coins sent to Philadelphia Mint, be made by Insured Parcel Post rather than by express. Funds for shipments between mints and assay offices will be advanced under the appropriation "Freight on Bullion and Coin, Mints and Assay Offices".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following:

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1928 - $13,000.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1927- $ 3,044.05

The amount of the contingent request for the fiscal year 1928 is not considered necessary at this time in view of the fact that the encumbrances set up to December 31, 1927, are less by more than $3000. than the total amount advanced to that date. In addition thereto $5,000. was advanced in January making approximately $8000. available from January 1, 1928, which appears to be sufficient for present needs.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

February 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Co., as follows:

K/12/12790	12/12/27	Denver to Omaha		$2,000 in nickels		
				3,000 in cents		$42.33
K/12/12791	12/ 2/27	do	to Dallas	5,000 in cents		160.87
K/12/12792	12/12/27	do	to do	5,000 in cents		160.87
K/12/12793	12/ 7/27	do	to do	5,000 in nickels		55.10
K/12/12795	12/24/27	do	to Houston	10,000 in nickels		125.66
K/12/12796	12/28/27	do	to Kans.C	5,000 in cents		158.36
K/12/12798	12/21/27	do	to Okla.C	3,000 in cents		87.20

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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February 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In regard to advance under the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1927", for settlement of bill forwarded with your letter of January 26th in favor of the Philadelphia Mint for automatic weighing machine parts, which bill is being returned herewith, it is noted that your order No. 276, covering these weighing machine parts, was entered with an encumbrance of only $500. Explanation is requested of the very wide discrepancy between the amount encumbered and the amount billed, the encumbrance being only about one-sixth of the bill. Such a wide discrepancy as here occurred, with time for delivery on the order extending beyond the end of the fiscal year, could easily result in creating a deficiency. In this instance it happens that your unused balance of last year's appropriation is sufficient, but the annual report of the Director of the Mint to the Secretary, also the data contained in the budget estimates, are materially short of correct amounts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.

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February 6, 1928.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir;

I am sending a set of weights which I shall be obliged to you if you will have checked by Mr. Moessner, and returned to the Bureau to be re-checked by the Bureau of Standards. The weights are intended as a set of check weights for the Seattle Assay Office.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

OR

February 8, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/1/160	12/27/27	Denver	to Omaha	$2,000 in nickels	
				1,000 in cents	$42.33
L/1/161	12/8/27	do	to Mpls.	10,000 in nickels	110.09
L/1/410	12/24/27	do	to Dallas	5,000 in cents	160.87

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find a paper seal which was attached to an envelope just received in this office from your institution. The seal was partially unfastened at the time the package arrived, and was removed readily without any care to prevent tearing. It will be seen from the reverse of the seal that the adhesive was very inadequately applied. Unless the seals are very carefully attached, as per directions given at the time the paper seals were substituted for sealing wax, the use of the seals is of no value whatever.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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February 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American RY. Exp. Co., $5.13, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, Dec. 22, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 11, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing two bills of lading to cover shipments of Troemner balances on hand at your Mint which are not now needed by you. One balance is to be sent to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, C/. University of Arizona, Tuson, Arizona and one to the Bureau of Mines, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. The balances are to be transferred by you without cost to the Bureau of Mines, except for transportation which will beccovered by enclosed B/Ls.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Please forward immediately by express two pairs double eagle collars to Philadelphia Mint.

Grant

Director.

R.G.G.

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February 14, 1928.

The Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of February 9th., requesting two platinum gauze cylinders, approximately two inches high, one inch diameter, and 45 to 52 mesh, is acknowledged.

As the New York Assay Office cannot supply this apparatus and it is not permissable to use your 28.3 grams of scrap platinum for exchange; it will be necessary to obtain competitive bids and purchase them outright.

Reputable manufacturers from whom bids may be obtained are:

The Braun Corporation, 363 New High St.
Los Angeles, California.
Baker & Company, Murray & Austin Sts.
Newark, New Jersey.
The Bishop Platinum Works,
Malvern, Penna.

If they are to be used with a Braun Electrolytic Outfit the cathodes recommended are made of 52 mesh wire gauze 1-3/8 inches diameter, 2 inches high, with a connecting wire 7 inches over all, made of 18-gauge wire. These gauze cathodes weigh approximately 10 grams.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 7, 1928, in regard to a bill from the Philadelphia Mint for automatic weighing machine parts, I have made a very careful investigation of these costs and consider them very fair. I am at a loss to know what you are going to do with these parts which are sufficient for four machines. It is not clear that you will need them for replacement, and, of course, I do not understand that you are building new machines. You are short of help, while Philadelphia has a machine shop purposely equipped to do such work as building automatic weighing machines for the entire service.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am glad to be able to say to you that the coins from your Mint, which were held for examination by the Annual Assay Commission, were found to be within the legal requirements as to weight and fineness.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1928.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

There appears to be no record in the Department of a bond for Mr. Rodney E. Hall as Assistant Assayer. A bond in the sum of $5,000 is now given by the Assistant Assayers at the other mints, and I should like to have your views as to the amount in which Mr. Hall should be bonded. Bonded he should be in any event. The amount is in your discretion. As soon as I hear from you I will ask that a bond be prepared and sent to Mr. Hall for execution.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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February 17, 1928.

Contingent Expenses, Office D/M, 1928.

Superintendent Mint,

Denver, Col.

Credit given and warrant for appropriation funds mailed February fourteenth.

Grant
Director
R. J. G.

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February 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & Mc Lennan, 5¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of January. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. E.

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February 20, 1928.

Cont. Mr. Mint Bureau 1928.

Printy

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Miss Martin Assayer in Charge Carson died today. If you can spare Mr. Leech and he is able to go there to close books and make inventory please ask him to go at once and remain until further directions arrive concerning continuing the office activities.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary

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February 25, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/1/683	12/12/27	Denver	to Kansas City	$5,000.	in cents	$138.36
L/1/684	12/20/27	do	to Omaha	1,000.	in do	24.96
L/1/685	12/15/27	do	to do	1,000.	in do	24.96

Respectfully,

W. M. Rogers

Acting Director of the Mint.

R. F.

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February 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of January.

Attention is invited to Bureau letter of November 23, 1927, concerning the use of certified dealer's bills in lieu of requiring dealers to sign Government voucher forms. It is the wish of the Government coordinators that all Government activities fall into line in this respect, for making uniform, expediting, and lessening the detail of preparation of vouchers. Only one of your January vouchers is in conformity with the contemplated uniform procedure. Will you please adopt the new practice as completely and as soon as practicable.

When alterations are made in signatures, as on the January payroll for the purpose of making those of Mr. Nilsom and Mr. Askine conform with the names as typed in left-hand column, the changes should be initialed by the persons whose signatures are changed. Evidently the first name was erased in each instance so as to leave only the initial. It would probably be better to line out incorrect signatures and have names correctly rewritten, above.

It is noted that W.R.Welsh, Foreman, who was promoted from $6.50 to $7.00 per day, Jan. 1, 1928, was listed on payroll under range average $2400, instead of $2100 as per Bureau letter concerning rearrangement of payrolls. Please restore him to range average $2100 on your records and on future payrolls. Notation of change in his rate has been made in right hand column of January payroll; this should be followed as regular procedure.

Denver 2.

R. T. Clark, temporary watchman, is listed with the regular employees instead of separately. Presumably this is because the position is a permanent one, and if so, the procedure is correct.

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Laird

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 25, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR Co., $1.44, freight charges on Tool Steel, Syracuse to Denver, December 20, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

February 27, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to invite proposals for furnishing your Mint with two tons of refined tin and 3 tons of electrolytic zinc for the minor coinage. Please wire or mail synopsis of bids received, together with your recommendations as to acceptances, for approval by the Bureau. It will not be necessary for you to ask in future for authority to obtain bids. The only requirement of the regulations is that the synopsis of bids be sent to the Bureau for approval of your recommended acceptances. See page 6 of the Regulations.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 29, 1928.

Govt. Ex. Mint Bureau 1928.

L. POWALIE

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Appointment Theler Guard approved.

Grant

Director.

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February 29, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

On November 21, 1927, a bond in the sum of $5,000 was sent to Mr. John A. Lindhard, for execution by him and return to the Department. The Bond does not appear to have reached the Secretary's Office. Will you please ask Mr. Lindhard to execute and forward the bond if he has not done so already.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the amount, $13,000 Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1928, as peryour request of the 25th instant.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $10.46, express charges on coin baskets, weight baskets, beams, magnets, etc., 1/17/28, $8.71 and on dies $1.75, 1/23/28, both from Philadelphia to Denver, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $4.30, express charges on collars and dies, January 27 and 31, 1928, Philadelphia to Denver, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 5th concerning suspension of $275.47 in your August-September accounts, brought forward in a subsequent settlement, please be advised that correspondence subsequent to Bureau's letter of February 7th has been had with the General Accounting Office, and under date of March 2, 1928, the following self-explanatory letter was received:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, 1928, regarding voucher in favor of American Metal Co., Ltd., for which credit was withheld in settlemant under certificate No.S-33-49-T, dated January 26, 1928, of the accounts of Frank E. Shepard.

"The evidence submitted is found satisfactory, and therefore credit will be allowed for the amount of the item in a later settlement of the accounts.

"For the Comptroller General of the United States.

Respectfully,

(signature illegible)
Chief of Section."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 12, 1928.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Having invited bids on commercial zinc nonacceptance Belmont bid must be supported by adequate other reason than past trouble with commercial All zinc bids could be rejected and new bids asked for electrolytic zinc only.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

March 12, 1928.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized accept General Lead Company's bid on tin at fifty-three cents lowest of three received.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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March 13, 1928.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized to accept General Lead Company's bid on zinc at decimal naught nine seven.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

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March 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please find returned herewith for your files the unaccepted bids which were forwarded with other papers pertaining to your contract T4m-28 for tin and electrolytic zinc.

There is also enclosed for signature of the Superintendent and return, abstract of agreement covering the contract.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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March 16, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of March 13, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Jonathan Bartley Crucible Company to furnish your Mint with 24 No. 300 Black Lead Furnace Covers at $9.00 each, this being the lowest of three bids received. It is understood that there is a discount of 1%, ten days, upon this invoice.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Ry. Co., $5.66, freight charges on aprons and sleeves, Philadelphia to Denver, January 24, 1928, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

March 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of February.

One copy of the regular account current is herewith returned for correction as per pencil notations thereon. The melting and assaying and stamping charges on unparted bar received for stamping and return are "Charges on Bullion deposits" and should be included as such on the regular account current. Also note the amendment under "Inclosures".

In attaching papers to public vouchers, it is requested that the thin paper copy of the proposal be placed between the thicker copies of the purchase order and abstract of agreement. When placed on the outside the vouchers are more difficult to handle and many copies of the proposals become detached, easily tearing at the place where the staple passes through.

In several instances the duplicate copy of the payroll does not show notations which appear on the original in the "Remarks" column. The duplicate rolls are retained in the Bureau, the original going to the General Accounting Office, consequently they are the Bureau's only record and should be duplicates of the originals in all respects.

The alloy charges and fine bar charges on page three of the bullion abstract sheet total $50.34 and $3.64, respectively, the former being 3¢ more than shown and the latter 3¢ less.

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Denver 2.

The Bureau has carried the corrections through to the grand total on last sheet - please correct your records accordingly.

In future, when unparted bars are received for assaying and stamping it is requested that on the account current, under the "Gold Coinage Bullion" account, debit side, the item be shown separately under a heading "Unparted bar, deposited for stamping and return" instead of being combined with other "Deposits Received". The total value of the deposit should be shown in right hand column of the bullion abstract sheet.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 23, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I am inclosing a copy of a form called for each month, showing changes in personnel.

We have received this form regularly from your Mint until this month. The report was made up here for February, and this blank is being sent to you merely as a reminder for the month of March.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Daniel

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Ry. Exp. Co., $2.89, express charges on skimming cups, Philadelphia to Denver, 2/20/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

March 30, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized purchase one ton borax glass fourteen dollars and sixty-five cents per hundred weight.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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March 30, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 27th giving a list of employees of your institution on leave of absence for a period of six months or more during the calendar year 1927, please refer to the case of Mr. Foltz.

The records of this Bureau show that Mr. Foltz was furloughed February 16, 1925, and that on April 10, 1925, the furlough was revised to show that Mr. Foltz was dropped without prejudice, effective February 16, 1925.

In any event, Mr. Foltz would be automatically dropped from the rolls at the expiration of three years, which, in this instance, would be February 16, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your telegram of March 29th, and confirming our telegram of today, you are authorized to purchase one ton of borax glass at $14.65 per hundred weight; it being understood that this price is the lowest of five bids received.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1928.

Mr. E. P. Leech,
c/o The Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Leech:

The Bureau is writing Mr. Clyde today and enclosing drafts of accounts current for his guidance in preparing the official copies of same covering Miss Martin's March transactions, also a draft for Mr. Clyde's guidance in showing the relationship of his bullion account to that of Miss Martin.

In view of the outcome of an apparent deficiency in Miss Martin's accounts, which is being taken care of by the use of a portion of the amount in the Special Deposit Account, it seems unlikely that the rather large item of $148.88, taken up by Miss Martin in December as value of a grains bar, consisted wholly of metal that had not been previously paid for. For example, if part of it came from the assay department, it seems probable that some portion had previously been paid for, in which case it could not properly be considered as surplus. In view of all the circumstances in the case, the Bureau would appreciate such information as you can give concerning the source from which the December and March grains bar materials were procured. I expect

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to receive from Mr. Clyde such information as he may have on this point.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1928.

Mr. H. P. Leech,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Leech:

I wish to thank you personally for the promptness with which you responded to the call of this Bureau for help in regard to the Carson Mint situation, and to assure you of my appreciation of the patience and thoroughness with which you adjusted the very difficult situation you found at Carson.

I am sorry it was necessary to cause you to remain away from home for such a length of time, particularly as you left on such short notice.

I think that you have done everything you could to relieve the Bureau of embarrassment.

With my repeated thanks and expressions of appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$13,000.00
Contingent Expenses	5,000.00
Transportation of Bullion and Coin, Mints and Assay Offices, 1928-29	10.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

P.S. The amount advanced above, "Transportation of Bullion and Coin, Mints and Assay Offices, 1928-29" is for charges on shipments of Pyx coin to Philadelphia.

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April 3, 1923.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 29th, you are authorized to accept the bid of the Omaha Plant of the American Smelting & Refining Company to purchase from you 527 sacks of sweeps at $4,712.00; this being the highest of three bids received.

The papers inclosed with your letter are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Ry Exp. Co., $1.68, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, 2/28/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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April 11, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In response to your letter of April 7th, we have today requisitioned from the Division of Supply, 5 gallons of grain alcohol, to be shipped direct to you on government bill of lading.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1920.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

In reference to your letter of April 10th about rolls, in order to have the records in proper condition for accounting, will you please forward to this Bureau a formal requisition for a set of rolls to be made at the Philadelphia Mint at an approximate cost of $7,500.?

It is possible that one set of these rolls can be finished during the current fiscal year, but of this I am not entirely certain. If, however, the order is placed by you during this fiscal year, the encumbrance can be set up by you for one set of rolls.

Immediately upon the opening of the coming fiscal year, you can place an order for a second set, thus encumbering the appropriation for contingent expenses for 1920.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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April 14, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your report of domestic coin melted during the month of March has not yet reached this office. As previously advised, the data are needed promptly and should be forwarded early in the month. Please expedite the March report.

It is also requested that in future the accounts current with supporting vouchers be forwarded as early in the month as practicable. The information contained therein is needed for reference purposes as soon as it can be made available.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

OR

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Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

April 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Shipment minor coin ordered by Treasurer less expensive by express.

Grant
Director.

OR

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April 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Two bills of the American Ry Exp Co., $2.76 and $1.51, express charges on gloves, Washington to Denver, 3/21/28, and express charges on sleeves, 3/15/28, have been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. E.

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April 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of the oath of Ernest Powell, Unskilled Laborer at your Mint.

Referring to the inclosed blank, please have Mr. Powell fill out this personal history information and return same to this Bureau as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR Co., $1.33, freight charges on cuspidors, 2/28/28, Sheboygan, Wis., to Denver, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

W. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R. F.

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April 30, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of March 1928.

Please forward an account sales to support collection of $[illegible].40 from sale of scrap iron and steel, showing quantities delivered as well as data evidenced by papers accompanying your accounts; data furnished are incomplete.

The footing of column "Net Value of Deposits" on page 2 of the bullion abstract sheet and amount forwarded to page 3, have been corrected to $565,116.95 from $564,875.26, the final total of abstract sheet is correct. On the last page of this abstract the total melting charge has been corrected to read $270.10 instead of $270.00 and the total of the parting and refining column has been corrected to read $5094.46 instead of $5094.56. Kindly make the above changes on your retained copies of records.

Respectfully,

F. E. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

MR

P.

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May 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Ry.Exp.Co., $1.54, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to Denver, 3/31/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. T.

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May 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Voucher in favor of Thos. Campbell, administrator of the estate of William G. Campbell, late employee at your institution is herewith returned for signature of the administrator in the first certificate thereon.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. V.

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May 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$13,000.00
Contingent Expenses	2,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Congress of the United States has consolidated the appropriations for the mints and assay offices, for the fiscal year 1929, into two groups; one group consisting of the four large or major institutions and the other group consisting of the six small or minor institutions. The official names for these appropriations are: Salaries and Wages, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929; Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929; Salaries and Wages, Mint Service Minor Institutions, 1929; Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Minor Institutions, 1929.

Your institution has been alloted, for the fiscal year 1929, the following amounts:

Salaries and Wages - - - - - - - - - - $158,000.00
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - - 32,000.00

The above contingent expense amount is exclusive of items that will be paid after pre-audit of vouchers - for express, freight charges, etc. - and therefore measures the amount which will be available, unless later modified, for disbursement by you.

The alloted amounts have been apportioned as follows:

Salaries and Wages		Contingent Expenses
$40,000	1st Quarter	$9,000
40,000	2nd "	7,000
39,000	3rd "	7,000
39,000	4th "	9,000

By direction of the Treasury Budget Officer these apportionment limitations must be strictly adhered to; obligations must not be created during any quarter in excess of the apportionment therefor, plus unexpended balances, if any, carried forward from previous quarter apportionments of the same appropriation, in advance of the issue of waiver by the Budget Officer, except in emergency involving loss of life or of public property. If conditions arise as the year progresses which would warrant the modifying of these apportion-

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ments, explanation of the reasons therefor should accompany your request to this Bureau for such modification, and no obligation should be created in anticipation of such modification.

Monthly reports covering encumbrances set-up, payments made, encumbrances liquidated by such payments, and unliquidated encumbrances, should be continued as heretofore, but excluding the non-local-cash items.

For the fiscal year 1929 the Bureau will handle all the accounting for pre-audit items - express charges, freight charges, etc., heretofore payable from the contingent appropriations of the several mints and assay offices. In order that we may do this, it will be necessary that you promptly forward to this office a copy of each bill of lading covering a shipment, or other evidence of a created encumbrance that will not be liquidated until after audit by the General Accounting Office. When Government bills of lading are sent to vendors for use in shipping to you materials the charges on which are properly payable by the Government you should in every instance notify the user to fill out all copies and return to you the original and one memorandum copy, the memorandum copy being immediately remailed by you to this Bureau. Such expenses will not be taken into your records and will not be reported on your monthly encumbrance statements; you will not be notified, as at present, when such vouchers are sent to the General Accounting Office.

The consolidating of the appropriations will have the effect of practically eliminating transfers between Mint Service appropriations, for equipment, supplies, or services rendered by one institution for another. However, the Philadelphia Mint will make monthly report, and the other institutions annual report, of such supplies and services rendered to other insittutions of the Mint Service, with their values (costs separately by appropriations for each item or lot), for the information of the Bureau, and particularly for preparing the annual report of the Director of the Mint so as to show the expenses properly chargeable to each institution.

Rubber stamps carrying the names of the new appropriations have been received and two stamps for each appropriation are being forwarded you. Do not use the old appropriation names for transactions chargeable to the 1929 appropriations, and do not use the new appropriation names for transactions chargeable to prior appropriations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The inclosed papers have been returned to this Bureau for the reason that, although Mr. Thomas Campbell appears to be the executor of the William G. Campbell Estate, the application for refund of deductions is signed by Ailene L. Purcell, W. G. Campbell's daughter.

It is desired that this application be made by one of the parties in interest.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1928.

Superintendent,
U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Voucher payable to Thos. Campbell, Executor of estate of William G. Campbell, deceased, former employee at your institution, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 Salaries and Wages Appropriation. The amount is $42.44.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 12, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of May 9th relative to placing certain gold and silver under joint seal.

Suitable directions will be incorporated in the letter of instructions which will permit the Chairman of the Settlement Committee to place under joint seal such coin and bullion as you consider shold be so disposed of.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your accounts current and supporting vouchers for the month of April, 1928, forwarded per letter of May 14, 1928, have reached the Bureau with the exception of form No. 53, Schedule of Special Deposits, that was not found.

In this connection reference is made to Bureau letter of April 14th requesting that in future the accounts current and supporting vouchers be forwarded as early in the month as practicable since the information contained therein is needed for reference purposes as soon as it can be made available. Presumably this request was overlooked in retaining the April accounts current until May 14th.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1928.

Honorable Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

We are about to make designations for the annual settlements, and we are writing to ask if you can suggest a man from your staff who could assist at the settlement at New York, and another man to assist at the settlement at Philadelphia.

Mr. Nagruder of New Orleans is to be Chairman at Philadelphia, and Mr. Hawkins of San Francisco is to be Chairman at New York.

Will you please telegraph me upon receipt of this letter as to what you can do for us in the matter?

In replying, please state whether the men wish the $6.00 or $7.00 per diem subsistence allowance. As you know, itemized expenses must be submitted to collect the $7.00 allowance.

I am inclosing a copy of the Travel Regulations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Please disregard letter of seventeenth regarding settlement officers until further advised.

Grant
Director.

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Director of the Mint 1928.

May 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Referring telegram eighteenth amending letter seventeenth can you spare one man Philadelphia? Telegraph.

Grant
Director.